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Small crowd yells loud!

BY TOMMY GELEHRTER
Managing Editor

Raider flags flew high, faces were painted red and white, and air horns pierced the crisp fall air as the football team extended their season with two action-packed playoff games.

In the first game the Raiders were matched against Euclid, which at the time was ranked higher in the state.

Before the game, caravans of cars from Shaker Heights rolled up to Lakewood, horns honking and fans hanging out of windows to show support for the football team. As fans marched through the Lakewood Stadium gates, adorned in red and white from head to toe, they hoped for an exciting game.

Senior Chris Taylor arranged for a group of friends to come over to his house before the game and paint their faces half red, half white.

"It wasn't the first time I painted my face. I have done it before for big events. It has sort of been a family tradition," Taylor said. "I felt that the playoffs were very worthy of painted faces and I figured the more people, the better it would be."

Senior John Sawyer painted his face at Taylor's house and said he felt it added to the atmosphere of the game.

"It helped to get the other fans pumped up and it showed the community what Shaker spirit is all about," Sawyer said.

As more fans filled what became an unofficial student section, the excitement grew as they awaited the big game.

Fans started cheers, jumped up on railings during big plays and screamed for their favorite players throughout the game. As the score went back and forth, Raider fans stood behind their team the whole way. Many students said the spirit was great.

"I feel that the school spirit this year was fantastic. It's just sad that it was not like this all along," senior Kristen Collins said. "I'm so proud of the team. I'm just happy that they went as far as they did."

Sophomore Rashaun Ewing agreed with Collins.

"Shaker has the best fans in the state of Ohio!" Ewing said.

Senior Melissa Williams said she wished the great spirit would be demonstrated more often.

"It was surprising to see that so many people showed up. It was also good to see so many [attend]. It is too bad that it doesn't happen for all sports, but it is good that it happens for some," she said.

Taylor agreed with Williams, but added that school spirit could be much better.

"It was nice to see that a few students have some school spirit. It is something the school really needs to improve upon. Yet, it did catch on after a while," Taylor said.

A larger ratio of faculty attended the games than students, according to tennis coach Al Slawson.

"I feel that the spirit was good. I think that Shaker is Shaker, and not everybody is going to get into it, and that's OK," Slawson said. "A lot of students have individual interests, and I have no problem with that."

Not only did students and faculty attend the games, but many parents and alumni also filled the stands at both games.

Tom St. Onge, father of senior Jason, attended the St. Ignatius game at Finnie Stadium in Berea.

"The spirit was fantastic. As cold as it was, the fans didn't let down. They were enthusiastic, tried to stay warm and continued to cheer the team on until the very end," St. Onge said.

Former football player and '66 alumnus William Taylor, father of Chris, attended both games and was ready to suit up if needed.

"I thought the spirit the students showed off during the playoffs was excellent," the elder Taylor said. "It would have been nice to see more students, but the ones who came out were great."

Fans showed equal spirit for both the Euclid and St. Ignatius games despite deplorable conditions. Many players and coaches felt the weatherproof spirit played a big role in both games.

"At the Euclid game, the fans were terrific. They were the best that I have ever seen them at Shaker for any sporting event," head coach Dave Sedmak said. "The turnout of the Ignatius game was also impressive, despite the weather conditions."

Seniors Chris Conwell and Nate Clements agreed with their coach.

"School spirit helped the team a whole bunch. We didn't expect anybody to show up and when we came out and saw all of the fans in the stands, it got us all really pumped," Conwell said.

Clements said a sign reading "We Believe!" in the stands provided a big confidence boost for the team.

Despite different outcomes from the two games, both contests provided and opportunity for fans to get pumped and show what school spirit is all about. Not all students pursued the opportunity.

When the team defeated Euclid Nov. 8, it was the first time in the school's long history that the Raiders won a playoff football game. Not many students will be able to say they experienced that game.

As the clock ticked down the final few seconds, the team began to celebrate. Minutes later, adoring Raider fans eluded security and charged the field to celebrate with the players. History was made and witnessed by those who braved the elements for Shaker football.

SWEET THRILL OF VICTORY! Senior Nate Clements embraces a coach after the triumphant Euclid game. *Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller*

ALL PUMPED UP! Super Raider fans Adam Grossman, Tyler Friedman, Peter Psarras and company helped cheer on the football team during the Euclid game at Lakewood Stadium. *Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller*

NEED A QUICK FIX?

Opinion Editor Lindsay Campbell gives us all something to ponder.

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MORE ON THE BIG GAMES

Check out a recap of the Raiders' historic football playoff run.

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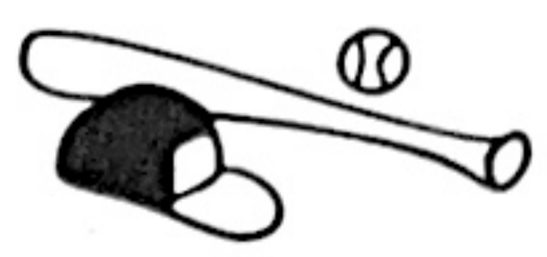
Tribe ticket prices raised



For those of you who are already looking forward to seeing the Tribe win it all in '98, start saving your money now. Ticket prices have gone up again. Field Box seats have almost doubled in price since Jacobs Field opened four years ago. The new prices are:

Field Box $26
Lower Box $20
Upper Reserve (cheapest) $10

Good luck buying tickets!

Misuse of library internet resources changes policy

BY TOBY BULLOFF
News Editor

Library internet usage is now limited to school-related work because of misuse of the "all access" rights to computers, librarian Patty Lawrence said.

"We have had a lot of abuse so far. We have spent too much money on machines to be used for play," Lawrence said.

No security system exists on the library computers; from typing in passwords to avoiding certain websites, students are trusted to use the computers in good faith. Over Thanksgiving break Shaker planned to install a "firewall" that blocks sites deemed inappropriate for students .

"We are still in the process of configuring the firewall, and that requires the coordination of several of our service providers as well as our network consultant," network manager Walter Boswell said.

Lawrence believes that a firewall will not prevent all internet abuse.

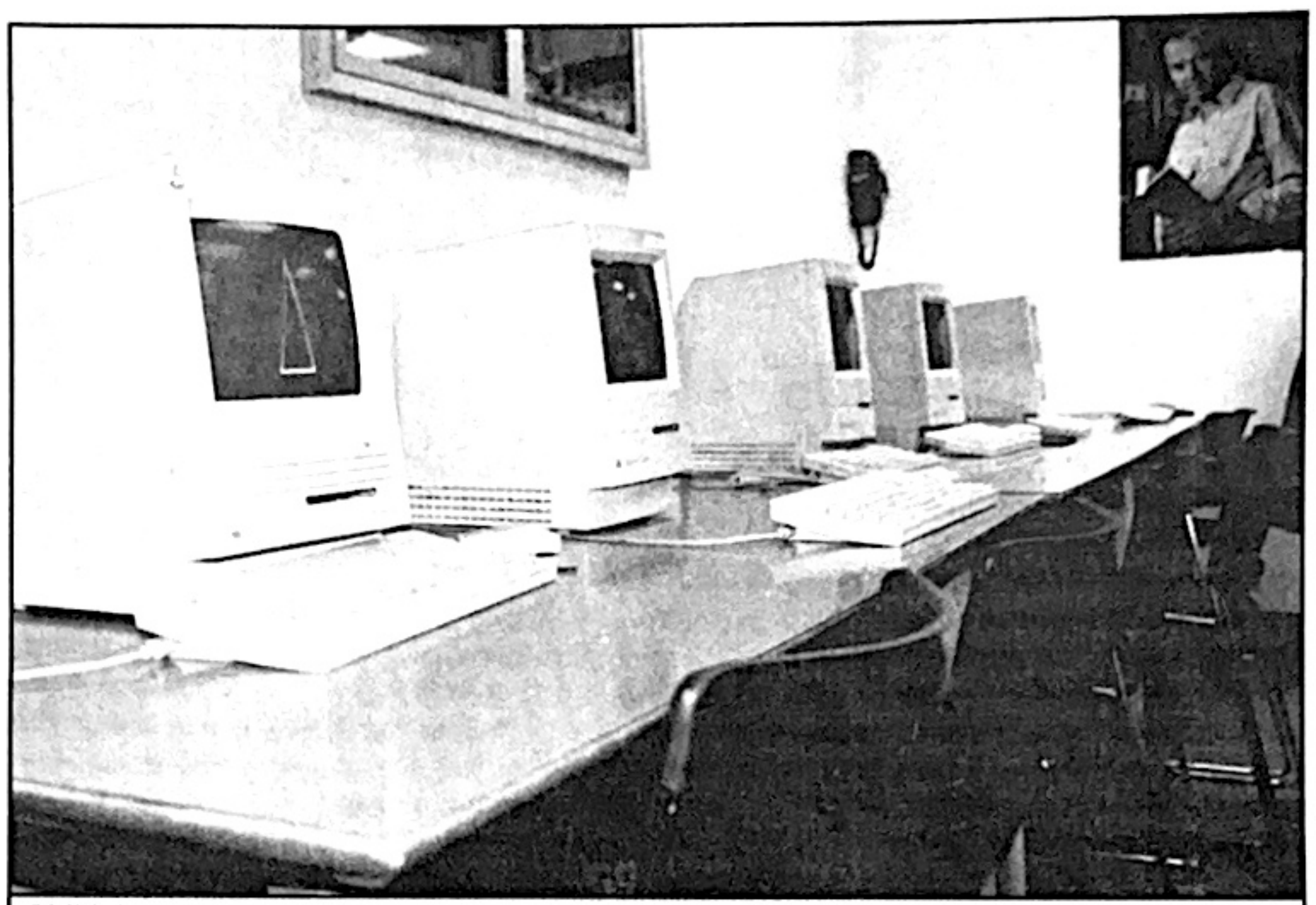
"People who are good at these things will find ways around it," she said.

Personal e-mail and chat rooms are no longer permitted. Lawrence said chat rooms were the biggest problem because vulgar language is used in them.

Boswell defined internet abuse

"This network is being put up as a supplement to the educational process, and any materials that would be innappropriate in the classroom or library are innappropriate on the internet," he said.

Not all students mishandle the internet. Already, several foreign language and global studies classes have used the computers to enhance classroom learning.



STUCK! Students who abuse internet privileges will find their computer access limited to the Macintosh Lab.

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

"I love it because it is authentic, current material," German teacher Mary Ashcraft said.

Ashcraft said the only downside to internet projects is the amount of time teachers need to prepare.

Computers use continues to be heavy all day as students do research. Many students use the internet to find articles on *ProQuest* and information for college and extracurricular activities.

Senior Micaela Benn appreciates the timeliness of e-mail.

"Because [the computers] have e-mail, we should be able to send messages at least to colleges and scholarship opportunities. We need the information as soon as possible," Benn said.

Senior Danielle Barnes agreed that e-mail should be accessible at Shaker.

"I think it is very unfair because lots of kids do not have this kind of equipment at home," Barnes said.

Another issue with computers is a lack of adult supervision. The computer screens are readily visible, but it is not always possible for the librarians to monitor all internet activity.

The Shaker Heights Public Library created separate privacy screens within carrels to prevent children from seeing inappropriate material.

INTERNET GUIDELINES

1. Use is on a first-come, first-served basis with top priority given to *ProQuest* users. There is a 15 minute limit if no other patrons are waiting.

2. Users must sign their names and the time. Refusal results in loss of computer privileges.

3. Internet sites may not be accessible because the library connection is down, the host computer has changed its address or closed down, or there are too many visitors and the host computer has limited access.

4. Some uses are strictly prohibited: commercial activities, political lobbying, harassment of other users, violation of system security, unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material, unauthorized access to others' accounts, access of fee-based on-line services, disrupting others, sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics that can be construed as obscene.

5. The library recognizes First Amendment rights and freedoms, but is sensitive to the fact that the library computers are in a public location subject to view by a wide audience. Staff members may remove material from the screen that is deemed objectionable for this public area.

– from the Library Guidelines for Internet Use

YEH sponsors annual food drive, spaghetti dinner

BY DANNY GEORGE
Staff Reporter

As the holidays approach, one Shaker club is collaborating to help area families throughout the season.

Youth Ending Hunger will sponsor a food drive this month.

The food drive, which will be held school-wide, will run from Dec. 2-18. All proceeds will benefit The Emergency Hunger Center in Macedonia.

This event is the most recent example of YEH's effort to help needy families. In November, YEH sponsored a spaghetti dinner.

"I had a great time at the dinner, and the club did a wonderful job setting it up and making it enjoyable," parent Donna Segesdy said.

YEH has held the dinner for the past five years on the first Wednesday in November. The proceeds go to charity.

The dinner, which has become a Shaker tradition, is organized by group adviser and Spanish teacher Kim Ponce De Leon.

Annually the group pushes itself in order to raise $300-400 that is donated to various food banks throughout the greater Cleveland area.

In the past, YEH has donated to the Cleveland Food Bank, Shaker Hunger Center and Malaki House.

> *We would all appreciate a big joint effort by Shaker students and faculty. We are hoping that the food drive will be as much, if not more, successful than the spaghetti dinner."*
>
> *– YEH adviser Kim Ponce De Leon*

This year's spaghetti dinner was no different from past years as the group worked hard to raise $350.

The group, consisting of 20 members, served, cooked and entertained from 4 to 9 p.m. YEH members agreed the event's success was due largely to a strong group effort.

"We all pulled together and had a great time. This spaghetti dinner was fun for all of us and it's always such a good event because we always find good causes to help," senior and YEH co-president Julie Phelps said.

Sophomore Derek Segesdy enjoyed the dinner because he could help people by participating.

"I have fun doing this because it helps people on the street get food and get them off the street," Segesdy said.

Ponce De Leon agreed with Phelps, noting the teamwork shown at the dinner.

"We all worked very hard and we were very well organized this year," Ponce De Leon said.

She was also proud of the money Shaker raised for charity.

"We were especially pleased with this year's effort because $350 is a very good amount to be passing along to the food bank," she said.

When contacted, the Cleveland Food Bank passed along their gratitude to Ponce De Leon and her students.

"We appreciate the club's time. The $350 is a much appreciated gift," a spokesperson of the food bank said.

Ponce De Leon said YEH needs help to sustain their charitable efforts.

"We would all appreciate a big joint effort by Shaker students and faculty," Ponce De Leon said. "We are hoping that the food drive will be as much, if not more, successful then the spaghetti dinner."

FEELING HUNGRY? YEH presidents Katie Campbell and Samantha Chin bag food for the needy.

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

NEWS BRIEF

Shaker sets record of $3459 for United Way

Math teacher Dennis Hogue is "most happy" about the record amount of money donated for United Way Nov. 14-21.

Beating last year's total by $700, Shaker raised $3,459.

"I am particularly proud this year. With all the expenses seniors have, and the band is going away . . . I am just shocked that there was this much money available," Hogue said.

About $300 came from math teacher Al Slawson's daily bagel sale. He donated half of the profit along with his senior homeroom's contribution.

Slawson said he was not only helping a good cause, but also keeping students healthy.

Other teachers with top homerooms were Lawlor, Ulrich, Martin, Spinner, Sylak, Van Valkenburg, Ponce de Leon and Kovach. Each raised more than $75.

For the first time ever, a club donated money. The Latin Club gave $50.

Sophomores Greg Rawson and Jeff Rosenberg were "forced" to each give $20 after losing a bet with Hogue.

"I was going to give anyway, and with those spiffy pins, I figured 'why not?' But losing that bet *made* me contribute to United Way," Rawson said.

AROUND THE WORLD

Election results: Kaufman, McMickle, Ribar win school board; Foster, Jorgensen, Kovach take council seats

BY NIKKI MAJORCZYK & LISA SAMOLS
Staff Reporters

After the November elections, city council and school board members said they were anxious for their opportunity to make a difference in the community.

"I'm very much looking forward to working with people and making things better," Carol Ribar said. She earned 25 percent of the possible votes in the race for school board.

Ribar anticipates adjusting to her new position. She will do so by working with veteran board members Nancy Moore and Rev. Martin McMickle.

While no representatives have made definite plans for the term starting in January, many have already expressed gratitude for their acceptance into the organization.

"[I feel] relieved and flattered at the number of voters who voted for me, and humbled that so many people supported me," McMickle said.

Candidates said the election was a memorable experience.

"Coming to the high school to speak to the government and journalism classes was great. I received a warm welcome," city council member Al Foster said.

Official results were released on Thanksgiving. For Steven Kaufman and Anthony Lockhart, who were 14 votes apart in the school board election, the announcement may change the election's outcome.

"I have not received any encouragement that [the results] will change. Absentee ballots tend to follow the same trend," said Lockhart.

"[The count] was much too close to know for sure. I was going to wait until the final results were in before I started thinking of what to do in office," Kaufman said.

New Ohio driving legislation passed

Teens drive at 15 $^1/_2$, use probationary license until 18

BY SHAILA SHAH
Staff Reporter

A parent's worst nightmare and a student's dream come true: the driving age has been lowered to 15 years, 6 months.

Ohio Gov. George Voinovich signed a bill on Oct. 31 that will change the current student driving age and the procedure for obtaining a permanent license. The law will go into effect July 1.

The new law allows teenagers age 15 years, 6 months to obtain temporary driving permits. They must then complete 24 hours of classroom instruction and 50 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. At least 10 hours of this training must occur at night, and all 50 hours must take place in the company of a driver age 21 or older.

Teenagers must drive under their temporary permits for at least six months. When they pass the driving test at age 16, they will be issued a probationary license until age 18.

The probationary license prohibits teens from driving between 1 and 4 a.m., unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. It also outlaws driving passengers in excess of available seatbelts.

Currently, Ohio law allows teenagers to obtain their temporary permits at 16. After 16 hours of classroom lessons and eight hours in a car, teenagers can take the driving test. No curfew exists.

There are mixed reactions to the legislation from students and adults.

"I am not sure if I agree with the age of getting the temp," Town and Country driving school instructor Mike Ward said.

He said the new law, by allowing temporary permits to be issued six months earlier than before, puts teenagers behind the wheel too soon.

"I think that it is good and bad," Ward said. "I am sure lots of students are excited to be able to get on the road at an earlier age."

Sophomore Karen Distelhorst is one such student.

"I like the fact that I can drive sooner, but I don't think my mom will let me drive at 15 and a half anyway," she said.

Her mother, Lynne, is in no hurry to see the new law take effect.

"I think it is ridiculous. Sixteen is too young for me. I think kids should wait until they are 17 or 18," Distelhorst said.

Ward does agree with the new instructional requirements. He said it is safer if students must spend more time on the road and in classes.

Sophomore Adam Wilcox, who already has his license, agreed.

"I believe this new law will produce more responsible drivers. I am glad that it passed since it will not affect me," Wilcox said.

Recently many states have tightened rules for teenage driving in response to increased awareness of statistics indicating young drivers play a significant role in traffic accidents and fatalities.

One study indicated teenagers between the ages of 16 and 19 are involved in 60 percent of all fatal accidents.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration statistics show that drivers age 25 and younger are involved in more fatal crashes than any other age group.

Ward said alcohol and distractions caused by passengers contribute to accidents involving teenage drivers.

Fast facts about driving

Starting July 1:

✓ 15 $^1/_2$ year olds can receive temporary permit.

✓ 16 year olds receive probationary license until age 18.

✓ *12 more hours of classroom instruction required.*

✓ *42 more hours of behind the wheel practice needed.*

✓ 10 hours of driving practice at night.

✓ Cannot drive between 1 and 4 a.m. without a parent or guardian.

Debate over land mine ban continues in Washington, D.C.

BY JONAH SCHEIN
Staff Reporter

The Oslo Treaty, an international pact to prohibit the use of landmines, remains in jeopardy as President Bill Clinton refuses to sign it in its present form.

In a letter to the Senate, Clinton said he "cannot overemphasize how seriously the United States takes the goal of eliminating the APL (anti-personnel landmines) entirely."

Despite his desire to remove all landmines, Clinton found several major objections to the treaty. Among them was the lack of time given to the United States to meet the new standards of the treaty, which calls for an almost immediate ban on all landmines.

According to a release by USIA White House correspondent Wendy Ross, the United States hoped to amend the treaty so as to give the Department of Defense until '03 to find alternative methods.

Clinton also claims the security of current operations and the lives of American troops would be endangered under the provisions of this treaty.

He cites the current situation in North and South Korea as his example. Clinton maintains that the safety of the 37,000 American troops in South Korea would be endangered without the use of landmines.

He also stresses the important role landmines play in this situation, where they are needed to defend the border of North Korea, less than 30 miles from Seoul.

The nations meeting in Oslo, Norway agreed to extend the voting time to give the United States more time to deal with this problem.

The International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and their campaign coordinator Jody Williams, co-recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize, said there are millions of landmines throughout the world responsible for thousands of injuries and deaths every year.

The banning of landmines was also one of the late Princess Diana's crusades.

Support for the ban exists among Shaker students and teachers.

"I would side with the ban. I generally think that landmines kill a lot of people, and that getting rid of any weapons is moving in the right direction," junior Raphi Gottesman said.

According to Ross' release, Clinton seeks to reopen the negotiations on such a treaty on the upcoming Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

Social studies teacher Chuck Spinner said the landmine ban should be taken care of already.

"I think it should not be postponed; it should be dealt with now. The more you hesitate, the more you harm. To me, we look upon Saddam Hussein as horrible for use of chemical warfare," Spinner said.

TREACHEROUS GROUND. In the "Security Zone" between Israel and Lebanon, ketusha rockets (above) hide underground landmines.

Shakerite photo courtesy of Toby Bulloff

Shaker students, parents active in local performing arts

BY TOBY BULLOFF
News Editor

It must be in the genes. Several sets of Shaker students and parents participate in the community arts scene.

Besides being active in Shaker's bands, orchestras and drama productions, these students perform outside of school in Cleveland Institute of Music ensembles, Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, Cabaret Troupe and church choirs, to name a few.

The families have performed, toured together and established a name for themselves. The children of professional muscians were often in the spotlight at a young age, and sophomores Kate Ciepluch, Jimmy Dunn and Laura Jacqmin and seniors Jenny Dunn, Stephanie Geber and Jennie Topilow continue to shine throughout their years at the high school.

Most students said they could not imagine their lives without their family's involvement in the arts. Their own musical pursuits have been supported by their parents. Geber and Topilow mentioned how their parents understand auditions and the stresses inherent in performance because they have been through it before.

The students said they are proud to have music in their family lives.

"Music is too cool to give up," Jacqmin said.

– David Distelhorst, Justin Gurney and Lisa Samols contributed to this article

Jimmy & Jenny, Robert Dunn

Besides participating in Ensemble and large-scale theatre productions at Shaker, Jimmy is a saxophonist in the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, and Jenny plays piano. Both students sing in their church choir, which is directed by their father, Robert. He is also a professor of music education at CWRU and conducts the University Circle Chorus.

Jimmy and Jenny performed together in a musical called *Footsteps to Faith* this summer. Their mother, Polly, choreographed a dance for it.

Jimmy admires his musical father.

"He has the best voice I have ever heard," he said.

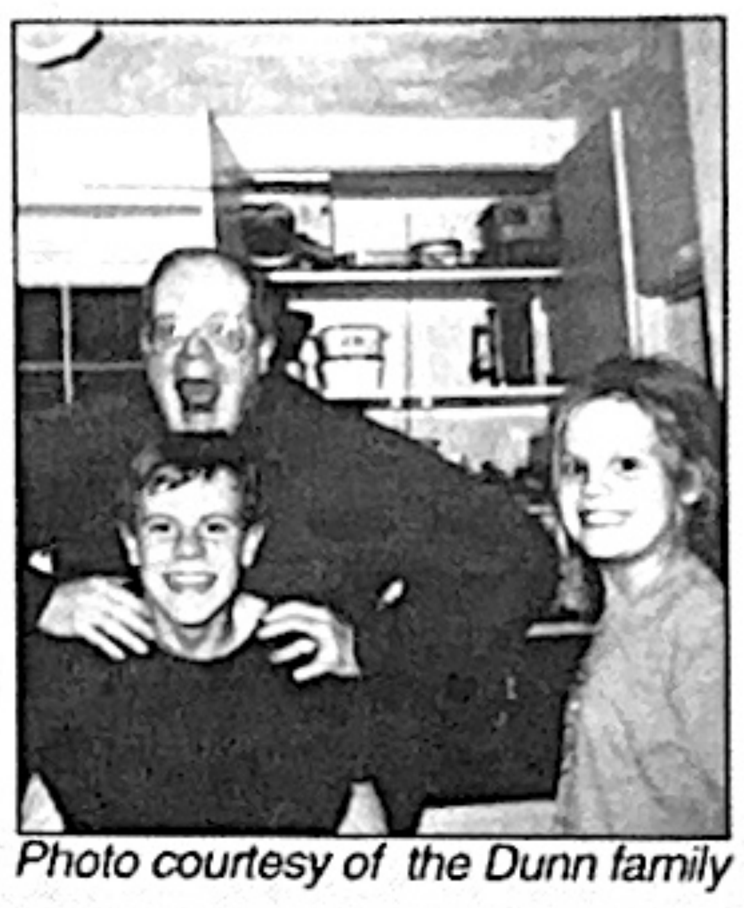


Photo courtesy of the Dunn family

Laura & David Jacqmin

Photo courtesy of the Jacqmin family

Laura is a French horn player in the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, Contemporary Youth Orchestra and Cleveland Women's Orchestra. She actually inspired her father, David, to play his French horn again after 25 years. He plays in the Shaker Symphony.

"He just came home from work one day with an old antique French horn that he had picked up for a couple hundred bucks," she said.

Laura said she plays duets with her father every week for fun. David is supportive of Laura's enthusiasm for music.

"I encourage Laura to play the French horn. Wherever it goes, great," David said.

Kate & Gary Ciepluch

Photo courtesy of the Ciepluch family

Kate is a flutist in the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony, which is directed by her father, Gary. He also directs the CWRU Symphonic Winds. Kate takes private lessons and performs in master classes each year besides participating in Shaker's Wind Ensemble. She has toured Europe twice with the CYWS and will travel to Italy this summer with the group.

She laughs saying, "I have not gotten to go to Europe with out my dad yet!"

She sometimes plays flute-clarinet duets with her dad in recitals and at family gatherings. She also credits her dad for keeping her interest in music high.

Stephanie, Stephen & Lisa Geber

Stephanie is a member of the Cabaret Troupe, a group that performs show tunes at special events including a trip to the White House. She also takes private voice lessons. Her father, Stephen, is the principal cellist of the Cleveland Orchestra, and her mother, Lisa, is the principal harpist.

Stephanie said one of the best things about having parents in the professional music scene is the traveling. She has been to Europe, Japan and around America. Also, her parents understand her life as a musician.

"It is good having parents in the arts because they know what it is like," she said.

Photo courtesy of the Geber family

Jennie, Shirley & Carl Topilow

Photo courtesy of the Topilow family

Jennie is the concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra and was recently a concerto soloist with her father, Carl's ensemble, the Cleveland Pops Orchestra. She also will be soloing with the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. Carl is the conductor of the Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra, and Jennie's mother, Shirley, was a professional ballerina in New York City. She said her parents are supportive of her love for music.

"The arts in my family is probably the most important thing. Some people just love it. It happens that my parents also do it," Jennie said.

Hope you enjoy your TURKEY sandwich at lunch!

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A mini anti-Macintosh editorial:

The editors of the *Shakerite* have tragically discovered the shortcomings of the Apple system. They seem like faithful computers until one tries to use them for more than word processing (e.g. page layout, printing). It is discouraging to call the help hotline and be told the LCIII model is too outdated for their knowledge. Thankfully the school is upgrading from these oversized typewriters. We encourage everyone who ever wishes to do any work on a computer to buy IBM. Boo Macintosh!

THE RITE IDEA

Assembly, library behavior demonstrate disrespect

Recently, poet-in-residence Mary Weems had to stop her presentation and ask for students' attention as laughter cycled through the auditorium during her reading.

Everyday, Shaker students do not have a quiet library workspace due to unruly behavior.

These seemingly unrelated incidents both correlate to the fundamental issue of respect. As of late, Shaker's maturity level in everything from formal assemblies to casual studying has been less than acceptable. This attitude must change in order to maintain a quality school.

First, in assemblies, Shaker displays itself and its reputation to any and all outside guests. Paying attention to speakers is a good idea, but at the very least, if we aren't interested, we should remain quiet for those who are. We are capable of appropriate behavior, as shown by conduct at the United Way Assembly. Students enjoyed, or at least silently tolerated, the two short films and were very respectful of math teacher Dennis Hogue's speech.

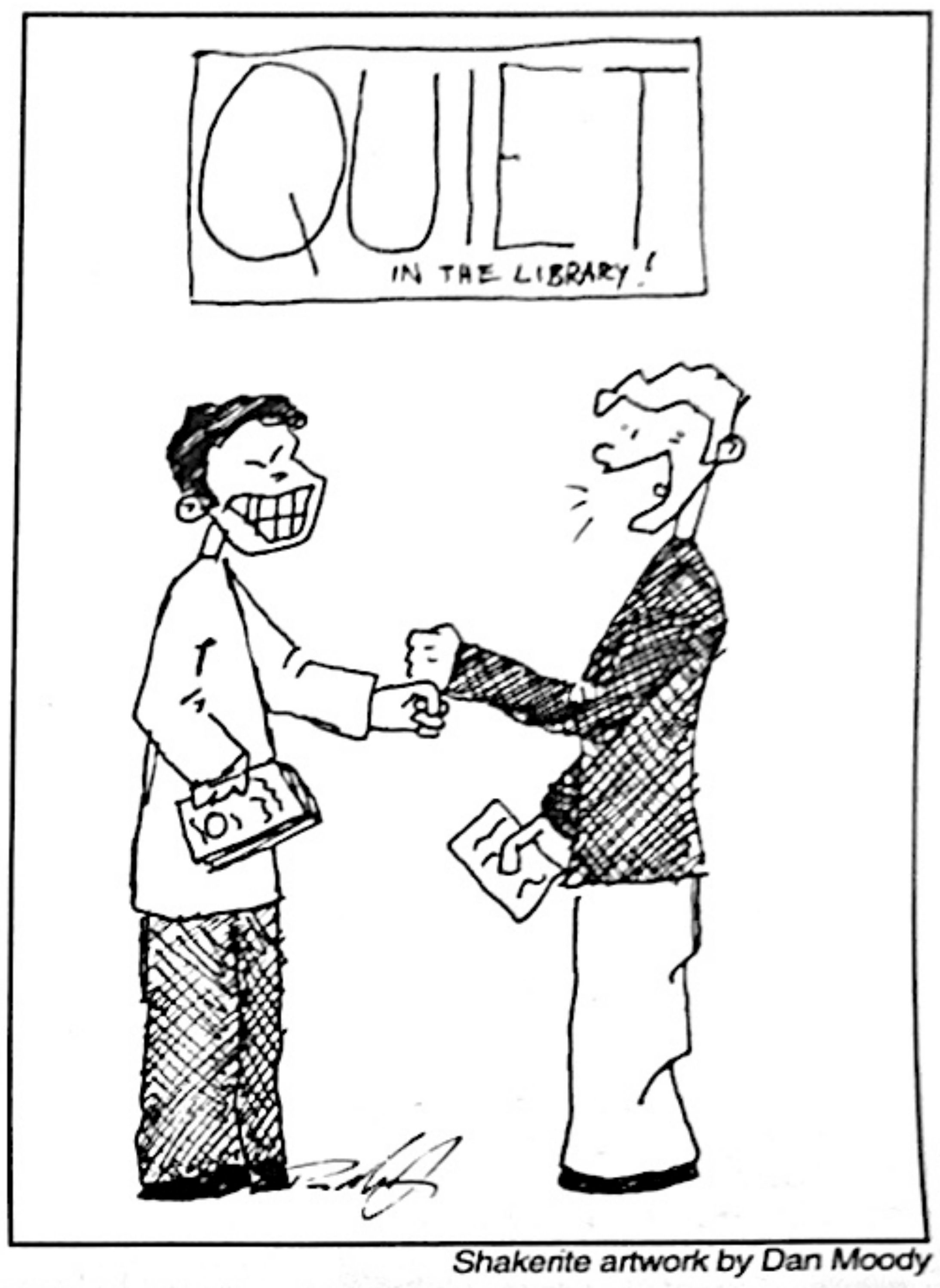
This is encouraging. However, Hogue is a member of Shaker staff and doesn't need to have our reputation upheld, while Weems, a visitor to the school, deserved a good impression. Perhaps student participation at the smaller, Stage 3 workshops gave Weems a glimpse of what our mature behavior can be. This contradiction seems to indicate, however, that we can behave responsibly in small groups or in class, but not as a student body or as individuals in the library.

There is a fine line between working and studying quietly with peers and abusing library privileges through disruptive behavior. Because of lack of respect for a studious atmosphere, there is literally no place for quiet work. The cafeteria is out of the question, the social room is packed, teachers' rooms are locked and of course we aren't allowed in the halls. This, logically, leaves the library for students trying to do work during the school day.

But, at any given time in the library there are at least a dozen people talking loudly and just using our resource center as a place to hang out. All the previously mentioned places that can't be used for studying are perfect for socializing. Please show enough consideration for your peers to leave the library for its intended use.

It is evident that Shaker's issues of respect are both internal and external. If we can't get along enough among ourselves to find a healthy balance between quiet work and conversation, how can we be expected to quiet down and pay real attention to guest speakers?

We must correct both examples of disrespect that are simply negligent of common courtesy. As we near our adult years, it is imperative that we learn to eclipse our petty behavior and create an atmosphere where all can learn and live.



Shakerite artwork by Dan Moody

CHEERS & JEERS

Cheers to the first playoff victory in Shaker football history.

Jeers to dull pencils. I'd rather write with my own blood.

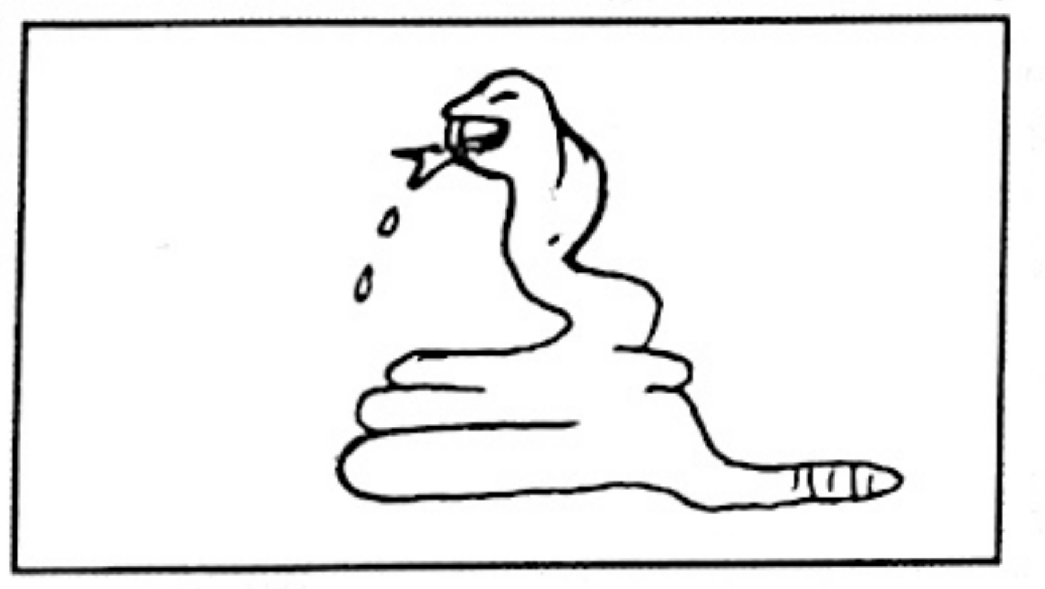
Cheers to *Boogie Nights*. It was sweet.

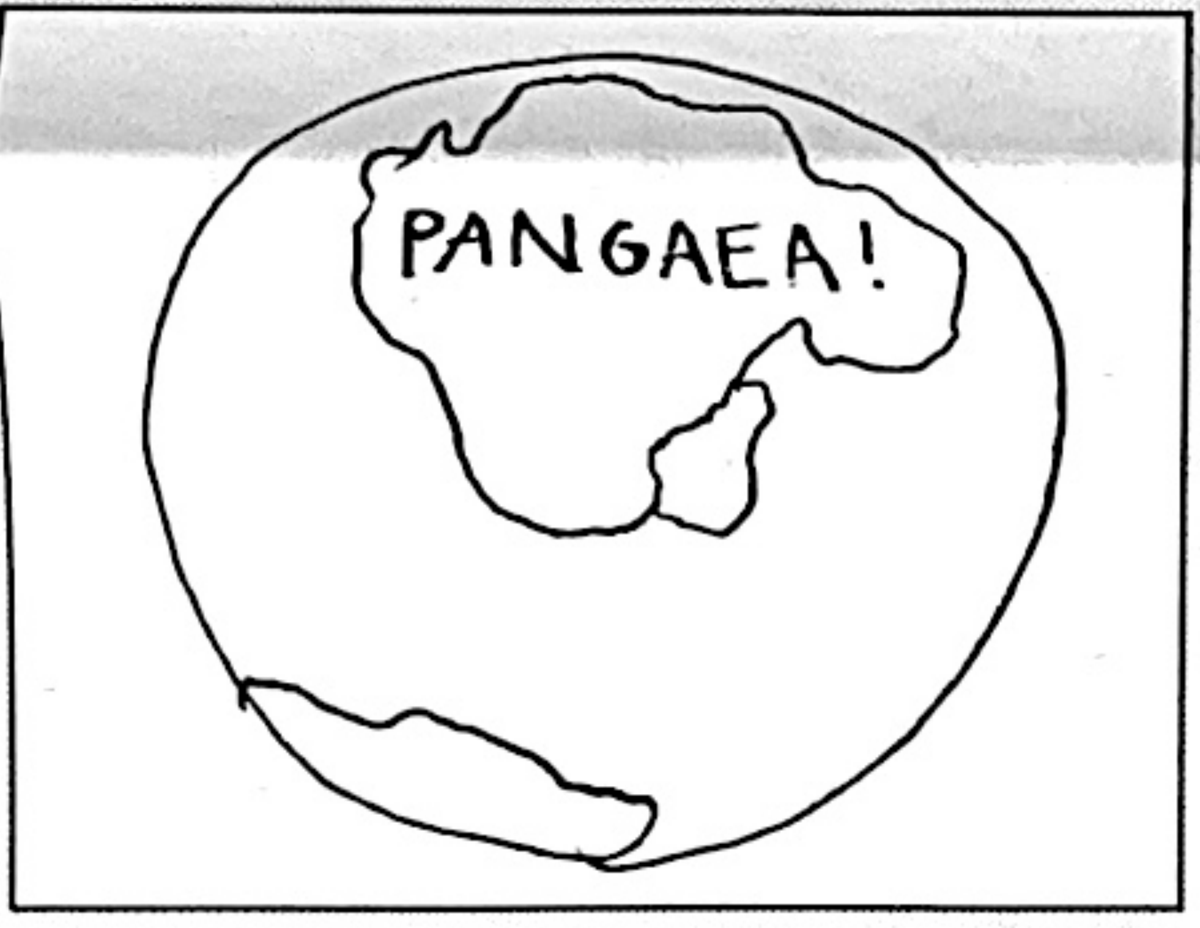
Jeers to anyone who wasn't at the St. Ignatius game.

Cheers to everyone who was there, especially those with painted faces.

Cheers to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Not only did he write cool books, but he has Conan in his name.

Jeers to spitting cobras and their poisonous venom.





Cheers to great food on Thanksgiving.

Jeers to that same great food for every meal for the next two weeks.

Cheers to the re-release of the *Little Mermaid*. Who doesn't love Flounder?

Jeers to people who don't appreciate random humor.

Cheers to gerbils, but not hamsters.

Jeers to Inspector Gadget. For the love of God, give Penny and Brain their props.

Cheers to Pangaea, imagine that.

THE TOP TEN

Top 10 coolest cartoon features of all time...

10. Gummi berry juice.
9. Jokey Smurf's exploding present.
8. Captain Caveman's club.
7. The Carebear stare.
6. Wiley Coyote's plethora of anvils.
5. Krang: he's a brain in a body suit.
4. Wade the Duck's head on his belt .
3. Go-go Gadget copter.
2. Transformers. The whole concept.

...and the number one cartoon feature is...

1. The Power of Grayskull.

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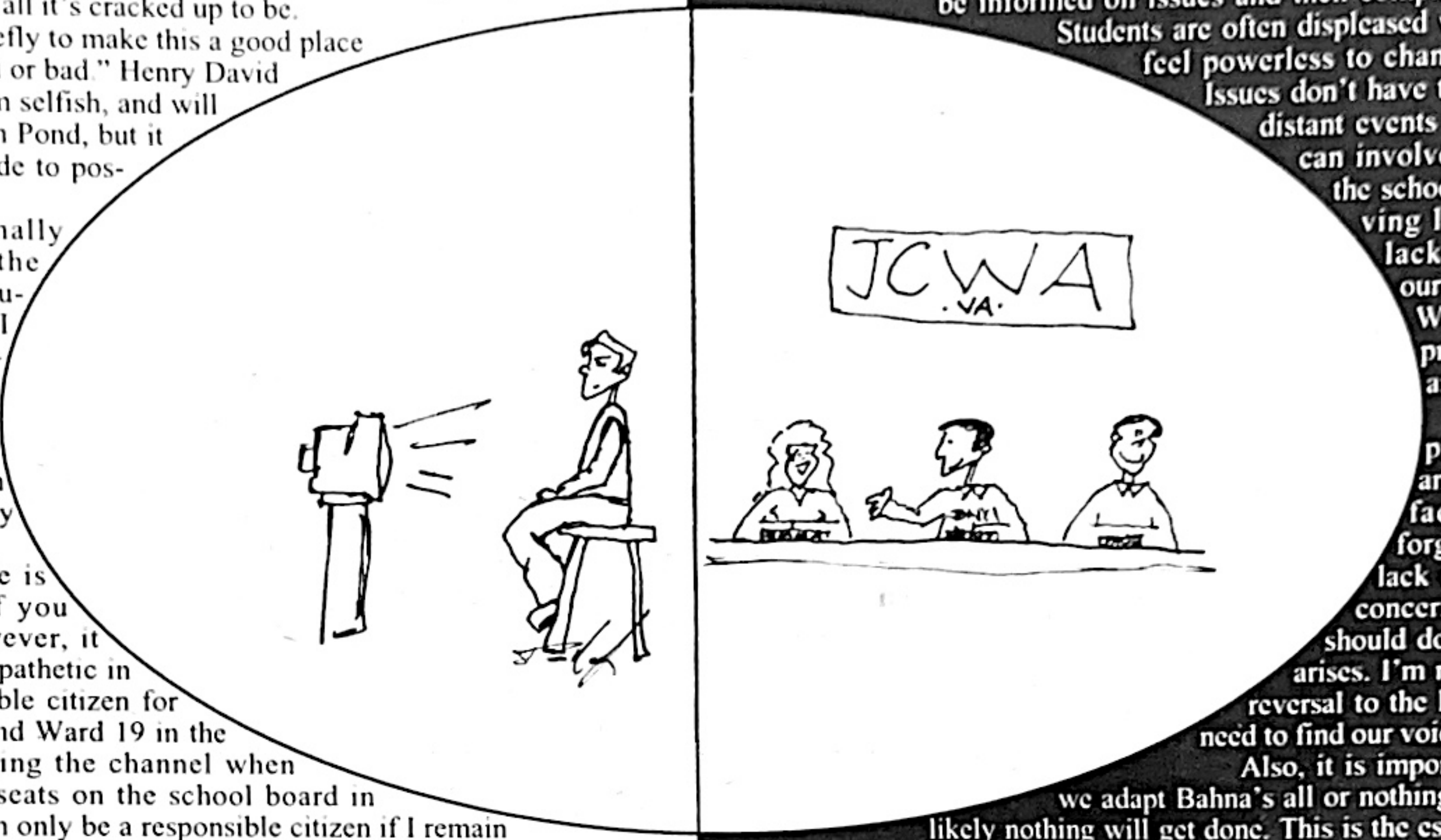
Apathy: sit back, relax, or get involved?



POINT

Apathy is necessary in life. It may seem cruel to proclaim this, but rather than striving in vain to become activists, being active in certain realms and apathetic in the others is far more reasonable. Examine the evidence and it becomes clear that joining Lindsay's crusade for an active America is not all it's cracked up to be.

"I came into this world, not chiefly to make this a good place to live in, but to live in it, be it good or bad." Henry David Thoreau's remark may initially seem selfish, and will not spawn a mass exodus to Walden Pond, but it is actually quite a reasonable attitude to possess.

No one individual is personally responsible for curing all of the world's ailments. Of the 1,600 students attending the high school, I have yet to encounter one who proclaims that his primary goal in life is to rid the world of all of its problems. For the doubters out there, go out in the halls and take your own poll: how many people are truly altruistic? None.

To Lindsay's credit, her side is morally and ethically sound. If you examine the issue carefully, however, it becomes evident that we must be apathetic in some respects. Am I an irresponsible citizen for not caring about who won Cleveland Ward 19 in the last election? What about changing the channel when Channel Five told me who won seats on the school board in Parma? Obviously not. In fact, I can only be a responsible citizen if I remain uninvolved in some situations. If you want to take an active role on every issue, you will either end up spreading yourself too thin or going insane.

There are many times when you simply must not care. "Don't be so selfish," Lindsay may cry. "Bahna, why don't you care about anyone but yourself?" Well, let's see what's happened in the world around us and how reasonable apathy really is. Laurent Kabila, president of the Democratic Republic of Congo, has been cited by the United Nations for various civil rights violations. I don't have any vested interest in the former Zaire, or any of its neighbors, so I don't care; do you? I, for one, am not living in constant fear of Kabila and his cohorts. But Lindsay would implore us to take a stand and do something against the vile creature.

Furthermore, I'm saddened to report that La Chacha the sea turtle was left homeless a month ago following two minor hurricanes in Mexico. Perhaps we ought to help out the poor thing during our winter vacation. These sad, but true, examples seem absurd, granted. But it's clear that no one cares about these issues. Apathy is the only reasonable course of action.

By picking and choosing battles, you can more effectively channel your energy into a cause that actually impacts you, such as the latest drug law, rather than worry about the fact that the Grantville, Kansas, post office will soon close due to lack of funding forcing many senior citizens who live in the area to drive farther to send their mail. It's obvious that plenty of situations warrant nothing more than a yawn and perhaps a quick "Don't care."

–Eric Bahna

COUNTERPOINT

The biggest issue facing our generation is that we don't have an issue.

As a whole, we seem to agree to a code of apathy. We care about little beyond our personal spheres, we are rarely responsible for our own actions and we even decline to be informed on issues and then complain about them afterward. Students are often displeased with the current order, but feel powerless to change it and don't even try. Issues don't have to deal with La Chacha or distant events in the former Zaire; they can involve anything from knowing the school board candidates to driving legislation. The rampant lack of involvement among our generation is inexcusable. We've become content to process through the system and not "rock the boat."

Days of student protests, walk-outs, sit-ins and petitions are distant and fading fast. We must not forget their essence: a clear lack of apathy. Students were concerned and took action. We should do the same when the time arises. I'm not calling for a full scale reversal to the late '60s, but we students need to find our voice in society.

Also, it is important to emphasize that if we adapt Bahna's all or nothing attitude about life, most likely nothing will get done. This is the essence of apathy -- having a choice to do something or sit back and leave it undone. We cannot view informed, involved citizens in the community as irrational altruists. If we saw all obstacles as insurmountable, none would be conquered

Key evidence that our age group has neglected its duty to participate is the low voter turnout for ages 18-25. Only about 15 percent voted in the '96 presidential elections. Politicians no longer cater to our opinions or problems because we don't affect their political standing. Granted, many high school students aren't of voting age yet, but we can't ignore the opportunity when it arises. Some say *that one vote doesn't matter, but if we unite and vote as a bloc, then we, too, could sway elections.*

However, there is more to involvement than just voting. Being informed allows you to be an active citizen, consumer and even student. Tuning out and passing blame accomplishes nothing. What will happen when the current "era of victimization" passes? Who will be left in charge? Currently, few people can be proven totally responsible for their actions. Blame can be traced to negligent parents, genetics, unstable environments, but rarely to individuals. These are important factors, but ultimately we need to be less apathetic about self-responsibility and mutual commitment to others.

By committment, I mean a sense of the general welfare. This can be drawn along the lines of culture, ethnicity, religion, ideology, age, sex or anything imaginable. Regardless, it is valuable and necessary for us to choose a group to which we give effort and time outside of ourselves. The effects of learning about or helping others are much more rewarding than sitting at home watching TV.

–Lindsay Campbell

Restroom doors are technological, too

GUEST RITER

Shakerite photo courtesy of Celeste Ng

BY CELESTE NG
Class of '98

After the first edition of "Lindsay's Quick Fixes," I began to despair that everyone got a good laugh but took none of my suggestions to heart. However, senior Celeste Ng became so frustrated with the current situation that she wanted to expand on the issue. —Lindsay

I must admit that I feel *much* safer with the installation of those outside security cameras. Now I don't need to worry about anyone breaking into the classroom and stealing those nice new desks. What about those nifty headsets the security guards are sporting? We all feel better knowing that if some ruffian is out in the hall without a hall pass, the security guards can call for back-up and apprehend him.

It's obvious that school funding is being used to improve our school. The bar coded ID cards, for example, undoubtedly make life easier for those who borrow books frequently from our school library. With these worthwhile changes it's quite easy to see that other areas of the school simply aren't as important.

True, there seems to be a shortage of toilet paper in the restroom, but who needs toilet paper? For that matter, who needs doors on the bathroom stalls? Walk into any women's bathroom and you'll see at least one stall without a door, and a line of five or six women waiting to use the remaining two stalls. These women will probably be late for class by the time it's their turn. But it's comforting to know that these villains will be stopped in the hall for not having a pass.

The fact that half of the sinks in the women's bathrooms don't work seems insignificant in comparison to the inconvenience of signing out a library book by hand. Never mind that relatively few students take advantage of the library's new barcode feature while most of the school population will need to use the bathrooms at some point. However, the spiffy technology on the library card more than makes up for that.

There are a few possibilities to consider for spending the remaining school funds for this year. Student credit cards to use in the vending machines might be useful. Who wants to deal with all those coins? Granted, the school has only a limited amount of money to spend per year, so only the most important changes should be made.

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Forget about doors in the bathrooms. What about the teachers' parking lot? Perhaps a new, automated gate will cut down on student parking in those lots. This is obviously a far more urgent issue than doorless stalls in the restrooms.

If funds seem too short for these important changes, money could be saved by simply turning off the water supply to the bathrooms. Because half the sinks and stalls are unusable anyway, it wouldn't make much of a difference. The money saved could be used to finance the really important matters, like that parking gate.

If turning off the water supply seems too extreme to administrators, perhaps they overestimate the usefulness of the restrooms. They might take a peek in the women's bathrooms (especially the ones on the second floor) to judge for themselves. Perhaps they will see that without doors or working sinks, the bathrooms are hardly useful at all. They can then decide the best way to spend the remaining school funding. I am sure, as the rest of the school probably is, that changes will not be long in coming.

LINDSAY'S QUICK FIXES
& POINTS TO PONDER...

BY LINDSAY CAMPBELL
Opinion Editor

For the second edition of my column, I've decided to expand the topic a bit to include points to ponder about the school. Sometimes, even I don't know how to solve the school's problems (gasp), but I do love to point them out along with all our other quirks.

☆There are a few areas in our school that no one really knows about. Images of lost children and insane teachers lurking in dark corners plague my mind. First, the fourth floor (NOT THE FOURTH FLOOR!!). I heard these cages used to be a greenhouse, but that doesn't sit too well with me. Because, as I ran into the gate thinking I was on my way to the third floor (come on, everyone does it), I couldn't help but notice rampant dust and a significant lack of light, two factors not conducive to plant growth but certainly appropriate for *dead bodies*.

Only slightly less frightening are the catacombs around the science rooms. One day I needed to retake a failed physics test when Mr. Schutter led me through a maze of tiny offices filled with physics toys, experiments gone bad, Mr. Marencik doing a handstand and eventually to a classroom I never knew existed. It had no windows, and I panicked. Not only did I have to pass a test in the hardest class on earth, but I also had to escape the labyrinth as well. A similar maze exists on the first floor, resulting in a passage to the Egress from the photography room. There is no way to "fix" these problems, per se, but I'm sure the student body would appreciate opening these areas to the public and perhaps keeping freshmen back there most of the day.

☆As we enter the second month of another half-year Cleveland winter, one of the most important elements to maintaining building-wide comfort is the heating system. Some classrooms are in the 90 degree range, forcing students to strip down and sweat it out while teachers open the windows. This measure, however, is a deadly Catch-22 because as windows go up, cold comes in, the thermostat rises and heat pours out.

In other rooms, the picture is reminiscent of Tiny Tim and the family, where students huddle close to non-working radiators, relying on only body heat to save them. Neutralizing the situation and reaching some kind of happy medium would be much appreciated. Or, perhaps, we are powerless in this situation because it's all an administration ploy to keep us on our toes. I picture them playing with controls seeing how close to the boiling and freezing points they can bring us.

☆By the end of the week, the vending machine stock is always just sorry. Danishes are gone by Tuesday, and by Friday only Raisinettes remain. The underhanded tactic of hiding Nerds behind a sole Raisinette package is simply unacceptable. We students cannot be pressured into purchasing nasty foods just to get our well- deserved treats. The reason they have sections A1 through F5 is so that each food can have its own separate cubby. The school should follow accepted vending practices.

☆Question to the science department funding lords. Who ever really uses a laser disc?

☆Because this column is called "Lindsay's" Quick Fixes, I'll mention two other, oh, minor changes that would improve the school 200 percent. Expanding the fencing room to a multi-million dollar complex and rigging the Shakerite with brand new computers and a printing press couldn't hurt. That would really help . . . um, me.

If you want to keep suggestions like that last one from getting in here, please submit your ideas to the *Shakerite* room 229 just like I asked you to last time.

SHAKER SPEAKS

Student views on issues that affect their world

Donzell Lewis Long, a 14-year-old boy, was committed to an adult Ohio prison for murder. This sets the precedent that the state prison age has been officially dropped from 15 to 14. The debate continues as to whether he should be treated as an adult for the adult crime; or if he, and all youths, should receive different treatment. At such a young age, the boy is particularly vulnerable to violent treatment and even rape. The *Shakerite* asked students their thoughts on the topic, and the following question:

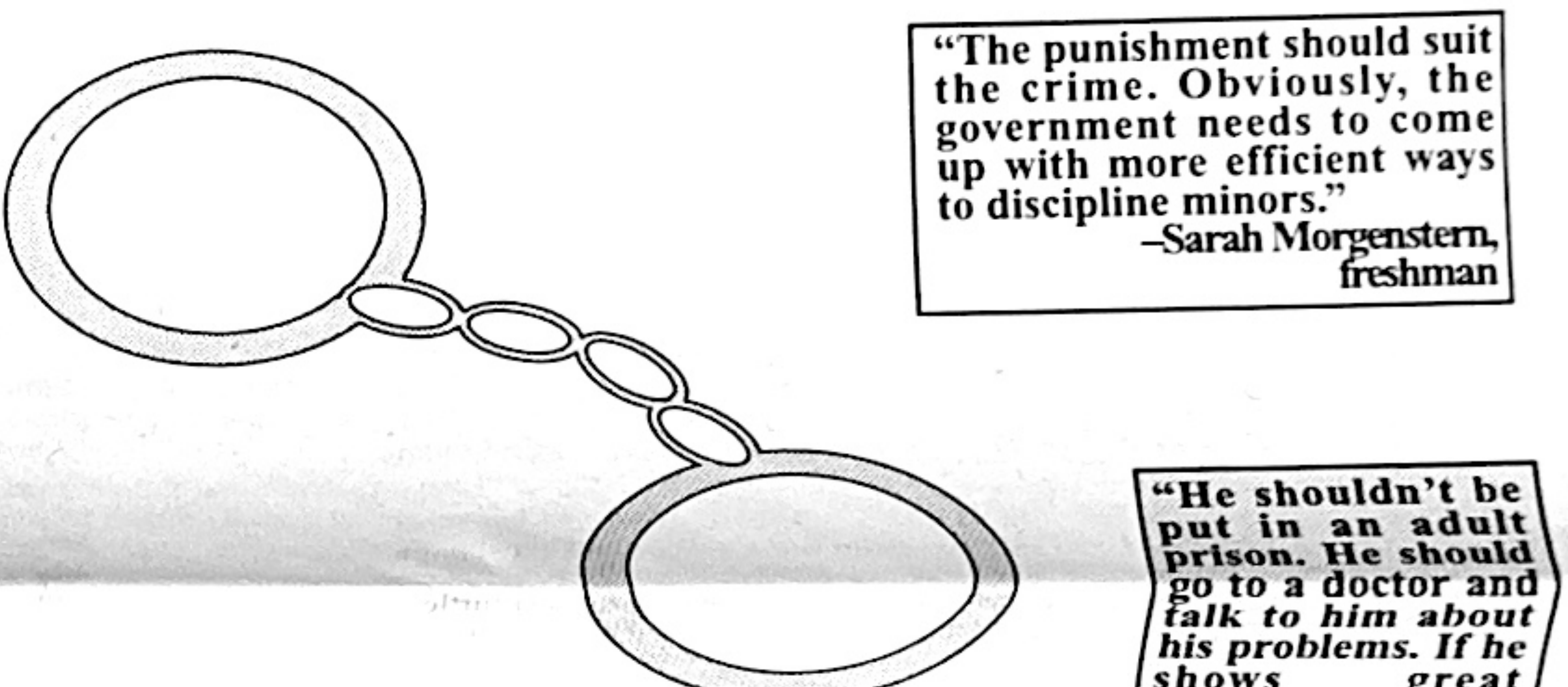
Do you think 14 is too young to be in an adult prison? If so, what is the alternative for minors that are violent crime offenders? What do you think about the safety of these youths in the institutions?

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

"Jail is not supposed to be fun. Although I believe that the safety in these institutions should be preserved, I don't think it should be a daycare. If you committ an adult crime you have to face adult punishments. The more fear produced in the minds of youths concerning 'adult' jails, the better."
–Lindsey Wolkin, senior

Shakerite photo byf Grace Fuller

"Even though he did the crime, he should spend time in a detention center until he is 18. Putting him in an adult prison is risking his life. He is a young adult, not an adult."
–Darnell Myles, sophomore



"The punishment should suit the crime. Obviously, the government needs to come up with more efficient ways to discipline minors."
–Sarah Morgenstern, freshman

"People should be allowed to make mistakes. They don't deserve to be raped and hurt by the adults in prison."
–Kate Goheen, junior

"He shouldn't be put in an adult prison. He should go to a doctor and *talk to him about his problems. If he shows great improvement by the time he is 18,* his sentence should be reconsidered or lessened."
–Tiffany Barton, sophomore

"I feel that 14 is too young to be in an adult prison. A 14 year–old is not capable of defending himself against grown men. He still should be punished to the fullest extent of the law for a teenager, such as going to a boot camp and working for his country."
–Mike Wilcox, sophomore

"I definitely think that children who commit adult crimes should be punished as adults, but I don't think they could handle some of the stuff that happens in adult jails. So if they were separated from the adult criminals, I would agree with sending them to a real jail
–Sean Nitchman, sophomore

"I think a young kid should not be put in an adult prison, but they should establish harder prisons for adolescents."
–Karen Distelhorst, freshman

"I think that [punishment] depends on what the kid is like...just like there is no one answer to raising a kid, or solving relationship problems. People should be judged for themselves, not how old they are."
–Jessica Blanton, freshman

"I don't think that a 14 year-old should be put in jail with adults. A prison environment would only contribute to his violent behavior, and who knows what he could learn from the other adult inmates? There is a big difference between a 14 year-old and an adult, and the punishment should reflect that difference.
–Jennie Wallace, senior

"I agree that at 14 years of age a young person probably isn't capable of surviving in an adult prison. However, maybe with this as a consequence it will make a 14 year-old think twice before they commit a crime as serious as murder. I think it's [false] that these kids are too young or aren't mature enough to understand how bad murder is, and therefore they shouldn't be punished as severely. If someone doesn't realize how serious murder is, I feel they need to be in jail no matter how old."
–Tara Groves, sophomore

YEH food drive supports good cause

BY JENNY HEISLER
Staff Reporter

While Shaker students eagerly pursue community service hours mainly to impress colleges, Youth Ending Hunger club members feel unfeigned goodness in the acts that they do.

The money that YEH makes is donated to places such as the Shaker Hunger Center, the Cleveland Food Bank and the Malaki House. All of these places help in one way or another to make someone's life better. The first two disperse food to the needy and the Malaki House is a hospice for the terminally ill.

YEH is not just community service hours; it's knowing that you're also doing something to help someone else. So while all of you out there are groping for various ways to attract attention to your applications, YEH is a club that lets you feel good about the service you have done.

"The community service doesn't matter to me. It's fun and we're helping people," said senior Julie Phelps.

Next time you eat at McDonald's, take a minute to think how much you need those extra fries. YEH has taken more than a minute and gone a step further by donating extra money to places where people really need it. You may think you really need the money, but helpless people are out there starving on the streets. By helping out YEH, you could become a special person helping another person in need.

Sound like a good cause? Get out of your seat and get out there and start helping those who need you!

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ARE YOU POLITICALLY CORRECT?

Correcting our world today

BY NAJAH FARLEY
Co-Centerpiece Editor

The pirates of the Caribbean no longer chase women at Disneyland. Fuzzy Zoeller lost his endorsements for speculating about Tiger Woods' taste in food. Saying "God bless you" violates Constitutional rights.

These examples are among the most recent incidents in a decade of political correctness that has seen "PC" go from a tool to raise awareness of diversity to a subject of ridicule and stand-up comedy.

Although PC has just taken center stage in recent years, being PC has a long and complex history. According to the *Congressional Quarterly Researcher*, the first reference to political correctness is from a 1793 Supreme Court case in which the judge wrote in a decision, "This is not politically correct."

Over history, the definition of politically correct has changed. In the beginning, it meant someone who observed political party lines. During the '60s and '70s, liberals used the term to identify a person who adhered too strongly to party ideals. Liberal politicians during this period jokingly referred to any racist or sexist remark made by liberals as politically incorrect. Today, conservative politicians use the term to insult liberals.

The varied definitions have led to varied uses of the phrase. According to the *Dictionary of Politics* by Walter John Raymond, political correctness is "A semi-fascist political, ideological movement during the '80s and '90s."

Shaker students, however, report more modest definitions.

"Political correctness is saying something that's not offensive to anyone," junior Margot Russo said.

Sophomore Jermaine Johnson said PC is used "to be correct about females and exact about people's gender so you don't offend anyone with derogatory terms."

The term exploded in the early '90s. During this period the word became commonplace in offices and homes. In '95 periodicals the phrase showed up 1,428 times, compared with 28 times in '88.

Political correctness has only recently been connected with racism and sexism.

Socially, the PC terminology has combated racism, disability discrimination and sexism. For example, in PC terms, the word "ableness" replaces "disability" in the world today.

"I have realized that individuals want to be seen first as human beings rather than as having a certain form of ableism," history teacher Terry Pollack said. "Using terms which are sensitive to both gender and disability simply recognizes the many needs of the individual."

Pollack cited the Cleveland Indians' mascot as a recent example of political correctness and its effects.

"An example of its effects on students is the Chief Wahoo logo which is offensive to Native Americans. The Native American students I work with on the west side clearly see it as an insult and a put down on their people. I often wonder why Shaker students don't have the same sensitivity," he said.

In Shaker, PC takes on many different forms. One issue that has come to the forefront recently is the cheerleading squad. School officials held second tryouts for the group after the initial round attracted only African-American students.

"If the better people are black then they deserve to be there. It's not right to change something like that to create diversity," junior Laura Moore said.

The social and academic atmospheres of the school are also affected by political correctness.

"I come from different backgrounds and I don't insist on being called Native American or European American, so I think people should just calm down about it as long as what they're being called isn't offensive," sophomore Jenny Hill said.

"In this school I think kids say black or white instead of African American or Caucasian. Sometimes I say black or African American, but Caucasian doesn't really have any significance to me," Moore said.

Some students said they felt their teachers are extremely conscious of the words they use during class.

"You can tell some of my teachers go out of their way to teach us about political correctness, like with the book *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. They make it a point to tell us that Twain was trying to make a point and he was not being offensive," junior Nora Gordon said.

Russo also noticed an effort on the part of teachers.

"I think teachers use it a lot more than kids do and I think it's a good thing because it'll help to influence us to be more politically correct and responsible. In essence, they're teaching us two lessons, one through the actual material and one through the way they present it," Russo said.

Many students said the political correctness movement has gone too far.

"I think we need to be aware of political correctness, but some of it is just outrageous," senior Erica Burns said.

Junior Matt Schorgl had similar comments.

"I think its good to a certain extent, but people take it seriously to a fault. Like everything else, if you use it in moderation, it's fine," Schorgl agreed.

I'M A BARBIE GIRL. Barbie will soon undergo a makeover for the '90s generation.

Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

A New Look for Barbie

Mattel recently announced plans to give Barbie, their biggest seller, a complete makeover. The change is a reaction to accusations that Barbie is a negative influence on young girls because of her unrealistic measurements. According to Mattel, the average American girl now owns approximately eight Barbie dolls.

The New Look

☆ smaller hips, realistic waist
☆ more defined nose, less makeup
☆ smaller bustline
☆ softer hairstyle
☆ flat feet

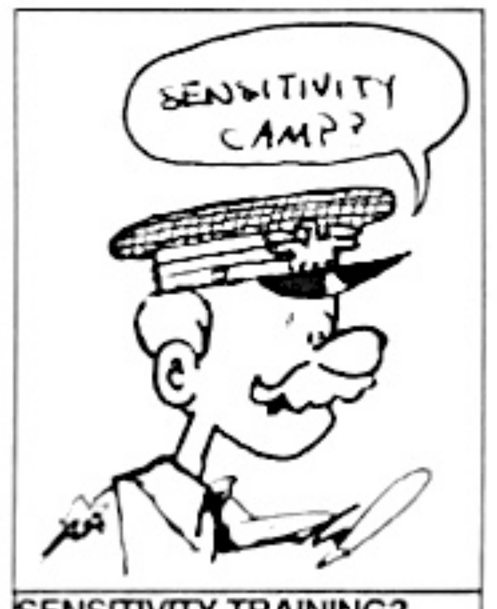
Barbie Facts

☆ If the old Barbie was blown up to life-size proportions, her measurements would be 38-18-34.

☆ This change will mark the third makeover Barbie has ever had. The last makeover was in '77, when Barbie adopted her current "superstar" look.

☆ Six of the 24 Barbies introduced next year will have the new look.

General Halftrack becomes P.C.


SENSITIVITY CAMP??

SENSITIVITY TRAINING? Even comic strips such as Beetle Bailey have become more politically correct lately.

Shakerite artwork by Dan Moody

This past summer, one of the comic pages' most notorious offenders became politically correct. Mid-summer '97, Beetle Bailey, drawn by Mort Walker, began a series involving one of the main characters, General Halftrack, going to sensitivity camp by order of the Pentagon. Prior to this, the general had been ogling and making sexual innuendos towards his secretary, Miss Buxley, for years. The series culminated with the general apologizing to Miss Buxley for his past comments. The idea was a response to issues going on in the military relating to sexism and sexual harassment.

Facts compiled by Emily Hoffman

Happily ever after

Snow White Becomes Politically Correct

Once upon a time in a land much like ours, where womyn are oppressed by men, lived a young womyn called "Snow White." Snow White was the offspring of the male authoritarian oppressor of the land, commonly known as King. Snow White, as many womyn are, was judged for her physical attributes over her mind, and thus amongst value-challenged males, suffered a widespread reputation for conventional beauty.

The Queen of the land, who was the King's second wife, had been poisoned by men's oppression and had turned her aggravation on Snow White. She had also acquired men's superficial values and therefore judged her worth by her physical attributes. Because she was extremely under-attractive, she grew jealous of Snow White's reputation. For these reasons, she called upon a termination specialist to serve her needs. The termination specialist, in a moment of egotism common to the male species, did not kill Snow White but instead abandoned her.

The parental influence deficient Snow White came of age in a surrounding unspoiled by the toxic waste and pollution of today, commonly known as a forest. Seven severely vertically-challenged men, who by society's standards are perfectly fine enjoying each other's company, adopted and oppressed her. She was made into an anti-dirt technician while they exploited nature by mining diamonds.

When Snow White realized her oppression, she protested against their evil ways, shaming the men into sharing responsibilities. Feeling that this was not enough due to the years of oppression, Snow White refused to take on the oppressive labor and instead began working on mending the damage done to the land by the men.

Back at the abode of the authoritarian oppressors, the Queen discovered the termination specialist's treachery. Resolving to protest against male treatment of womyn, she set out to kill Snow White herself. She dressed herself as a monetarily-deficient womyn and went to Snow White's home. She knocked upon the door and explained that she was collecting funds for saving the rainforest. Snow White, being the social activist that she was, ran for her checkbook. As a parting gift, the Queen presented Snow White with an apple.

Believing the apple to be harmless, Snow White took a bite. She quickly discovered that the apple was filled with pesticides and fainted. Hearing her cry, a male from another authoritarian family, known as Prince, rushed to her side. He bent over to suck the pesticide from her mouth just as the vertically-challenged men returned home.

"Stop evil oppressor!" they shouted. "You must learn to respect womyn. You cannot touch her lips without her permission!"

"But she'll soon be metabolically-challenged!" the male authoritarian cried.

"You oppressor!" the men retaliated. "Snow White is against life support. You must observe her wishes."

Thus Snow White died. But the seven vertically-challenged men welcomed the authoritarian, who now wished to be called the man formerly known as the male authoritarian, into their home and righted his ways. They all lived happily ever after.

The End

-Story politically corrected by Emily Hoffman
Shakerite artwork by Dan Moody

SPOTLIGHT ON

PC and the law

To gain insight from an informed source, the *Shakerite* interviewed law professor from Case Western Reserve University.

George Dent has been a professor for 21 years, eight of which he has spent at CWRU. He is active in the National Association of Scholars, a group which works to protect First Amendment rights against political correctness.

What is political correctness?

"[It's] an attitude that tries to prevent people from discussing difficult issues."

What is the social impact of political correctness?

"The social impact is that it prevents discussion of important issues and intimidates people whose views do not conform to the views of people in power."

How has political correctness impacted your profession?

"Many law professors will not talk about a subject because they are afraid that they will get in trouble... There are many, many incidents when freedom of speech and academic freedom are infringed upon by political correctness."

What is the solution to political correctness?

"The solution is to honor the principles of free speech."

What are the legal ramifications of political correctness?

"A number of legal ramifications [exist] when institutions are involved. It can involve violations of the First Amendment of the Constitution."

Shakerite interview by David Distlehorst

The Official PC Dictionary:

cafeteria- dining facility
cheating- cooperative assignment
dead- metabolically challenged
fat- horizontally challenged
female- testosterone challenged
garbage man- sanitation engineer
incorrect- alternative answer
insane- reality challenged
male- estrogen challenged
murderer- termination specialist
old- chronologically gifted
pervert- person engaged in non-traditional espionage
prisoner- client of the correctional system
ugly- under-attractive
waterboy- H_2O technician

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Rental wrap-up

15 movies you can't afford to miss

BY NATE LEVIN
Staff Reporter

Comedy

Caddyshack

Chevy Chase and Bill Murray star in this hilarious flick. It's the story of the a country club and its zany members who experience mishaps while playing golf.

Big

The classic film, starring Tom Hanks, features the actor in one of his finest performances. It tells the story of a teenager who makes a wish to grow in order to attract girls. Hanks grows older, but he struggles as a teenager trapped in an adult's body.

Ghostbusters

Okay, so maybe you've seen it a hundred times, but it's still a great one to watch. Just in case you forgot, this flick is about four guys who are obsessed with the supernatural. They dedicate their lives to the removal of ghostly inhabitants who have taken residence in New York City.

Clerks

This film is shot entirely in security camera form. It humorously depicts two lazy and dysfunctional video and convenient store workers for an entire day.

Dumb and Dumber

This truly funny movie includes the humor of Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels. The story features two buddies who are down on their luck. The guys attempt to get their lives back on the upswing, but are too stupid to pull it off.

Action/Drama

The Graduate

This '67 classic features Dustin Hoffman as a young man, fresh out of college, who must deal with experiences involving an affair with an older woman. An original soundtrack by Simon and Garfunkel definitely enhances the film.

In the Line of Fire

This is a great flick that received good reviews, but failed at the box office. Nonetheless, this movie features Clint Eastwood, starring as a secret service agent who becomes the liaison between the service and a man attempting to assassinate the president.

The Firm

Tom Cruise stars in this movie about an accountant who is suckered into working for a wealthy law firm. When Cruise finds out that the firm is corrupt, he tries to leave, but is blackmailed into staying.

Pulp Fiction

Director Quentin Tarantino earned great praise for this movie starring John Travolta, Uma Thurman and Samuel L. Jackson. Three confusing stories are told separately throughout the movie, and then connected at the end.

The Shawshank Redemption

This film, about a prison in the '30s, features Tim Robbins as an inmate wrongly convicted of killing his wife. Robbins is also a banker who plans an escape by diverting jail funds into his own account.

Horror

Scream

This frightening flick, starring Courtney Cox, Neve Campbell and David Arquette, is about a man who stalks a group of teens by incorporating methods from several previous horror films. This was such a hit that a sequel will be released this month.

It

Steven King's story is of a phantom who appears in numerous forms, ranging from a spider to clown. "It" terrorizes a town during its long rampage of murders.

The Exorcist

This movie is a classic horror film based on the story of a young girl who is possessed by the devil. Be sure to check out the famous head spinning scene, as well as the special effects which include levitating beds and green vomit.

Poltergeist

The first of a three-movie series, it is by far the best. In this flick demons and spirits haunt a little girl's home, bringing on an epic battle between good and evil. If you thought this one was scary, be sure to check out Poltergeist II and III.

The Omen

This flick is a classic '70s horror film that won't be forgotten. The movie stars a little boy named Damien who turns out to be the anti-Christ. Also, the apocalypse is expected to arrive and Damien's father is responsible for stopping the destructive omen.

What's Goin' On?

☞ **Hot Tuna**
The Odeon, Dec. 1
☞ **The Deftones**
-The Odeon, Dec. 3
☞ **Brownie Mary**
-The Grog Shop, Dec. 4
☞ **Mustard Plug**
-The Grog Shop, Dec. 5
☞ **Phish**
-CSU Convocation Center, Dec. 5
☞ **Catherine Wheel**
-The Odeon, Dec. 6
☞ **The Clarks**
-Peabody's DownUnder, Dec. 6
☞ **Deicide**
-Peabody's DownUnder, Dec. 7
☞ **Modern English**
-The Grog Shop, Dec. 7
☞ **Sugar Hill Gang**
-Peabody's DownUnder, Dec. 8
☞ **Sister Hazel & Blessid Union of Souls**
-The Odeon, Dec. 10
☞ **The Wallflowers**
-KSU M.A.C. Center, Dec. 11
☞ **Chumbawamba**
-The Odeon, Dec. 12
☞ **Marcy Playground**
-The Odeon, Dec. 14
☞ **Over The Rhine**
-Peabody's DownUnder, Dec. 14
☞ **98 Degrees**
-Peabody's DownUnder, Dec. 21
☞ **Warrant**
-The Odeon, Dec. 21
☞ **Shag**
-Peabody's DownUnder, Dec. 26
☞ **Barenaked Ladies**
-CSU Convocation Center, Dec. 30
☞ **Michael Stanley**
-The Odeon, Dec. 31
☞ **Ticket information is available from Ticketmaster at 241-5555**

Phish reviewed by Adam & *Eve's Bayou*

BY ADAM MARKS
Staff Reporter

For anyone who believes that Phish's music has no feeling, I recommend that you purchase their newest album, *Slip, Stich and Pass.*

Slip, Stich and Pass was recorded earlier this year in London. It is only the second live album that Phish has ever released. The first one came out in '94 from a show they performed in Madison Square Garden.

While that album contained more of Phish's well known songs, *Slip, Stich and Pass* features songs that probably aren't as mainstream, such as "Cities," "Jesus Left Chicago" and "Taste."

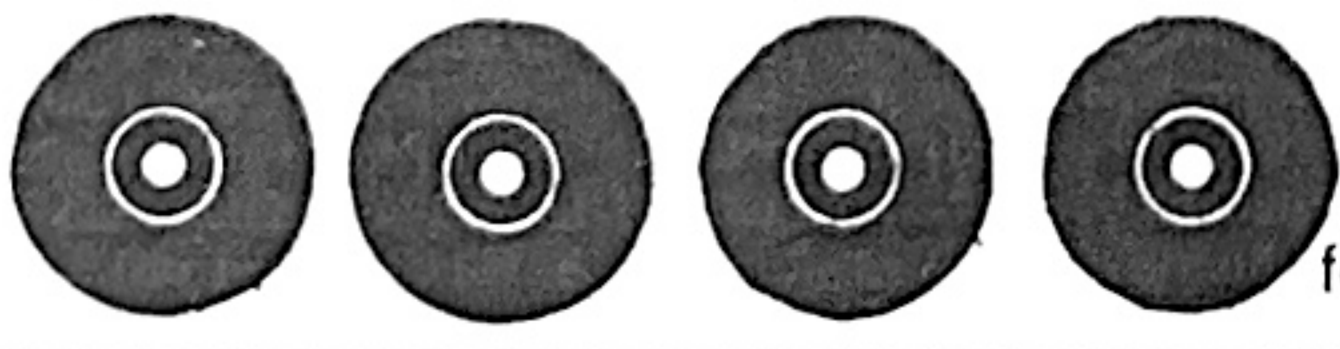
"Cities" and "Jesus Left Chicago" are very different from the conventional Phish songs. "Cities" is a slow song, which lacks a variety of different chords. On the other hand, "Jesus Left Chicago" is a blues song that picks up into a long jam at the end.

Being a short album, some fans may miss the 20-minute jams that most Phish followers are used to. However, the jams after "Jesus Left Chicago," "Weekapaw Groove" and "Taste" are top-notch tracks that will keep everyone happy.

The other songs on the album, "Wolfman's Brother," "Weigh," "Mike's Song" and a cover of "Hello My Baby," are great additions, played with the usual Phish enthusiasm and feeling.

"Hello My Baby" is a song that was written and released sometime in the '50s. It is probably most well known from the movie *Spaceballs*, where it was sung by a small creature dancing on a restaurant counter. The song is performed in a cappella, and it gets the crowd up and screaming.

Overall, the combination of slow and fast songs, jams and a cappella give *Slip, Stich and Pass* a wide range of music. Although it may not be one of Phish's best albums, it is definitely worth the buy.



four out of five

music
REVIEWS
movie

BY LAUREN DICKS
Staff Reporter

Eve's Bayou, a movie about fortune telling and a dysfunctional home, leaves viewers with mixed feelings of confusion and wonder.

The movie focuses on the life of a 10 year-old black girl from Louisiana named Eve, and her family who are descendents of a white Frenchman and a black slave woman.

The movie begins with the narrative voice of Eve telling about the summer when she murdered her father, who is played by Samuel L. Jackson.

As the movie progresses, viewers learn that this man is cheating on his wife with a family friend.

Eve is a witness to this horror, and the experience of seeing her father sexually involved with another woman is what kicks off the slow-moving excitement in this movie.

After this opening scene, the movie begins to take a series of twists and turns which may seem pointless and confusing to the viewer.

As the movie progresses, Eve begins to hate her father not only for destroying their home, but also for sexually abusing her older sister. In plotting a plan to murder her father, Eve visits a psychic witch for help.

This movie proved to be another one of those flicks that leaves you in constant confusion and dismay. There are few scenes that provide excitement or thrill to the viewer.

The commercial for this movie offers a somewhat distorted view, that of a film filled with voodoo and evil. *Eve's Bayou,* however, is just the opposite.

The movie does include voodoo and psychic fortunes, but the two themes are not thoroughly developed and are basically boring.

Next time you decide to make a trip to the movies, be sure to cross *Eve's Bayou* off your list of choices.

one out of four

Timequake

By Kurt Vonnegut

Book Review

BY GRACE FULLER
Photography Editor

Kurt Vonnegut has always commented on the ridiculous nature of the human experience throughout his novels. His characters are typically outsiders, unlucky and unlikely to make sense of their lives in an absurd and insane universe.

In his 14th and supposedly final novel, *Timequake,* Vonnegut takes his characteristically loony premise to the extreme.

The universe, apparently suffering from an existential disturbance, decides that it has had enough of expanding. Instead, it would be more fun to shrink back down and make a great big bang once again.

After shrinking back 10 years, the universe has a change of heart and starts expanding again, resulting in everyone being forced to relive 10 years of their lives.

At his best, Vonnegut wields jokes that cut like knives while being brutally satirical. At his worse, he is extremely whiny.

Unfortunately, Vonnegut is not at his best in this novel. It seems that Vonnegut wanted to use *Timequake* to get in his parting shots on society.

His criticisms range from the effects of television to the death of eloquence and appreciation of the arts in younger generations. Yet, criticism of television strikes the reader as hypocritical coming from a man who appeared in a Discover card commercial.

His other observations lack their usual satirical bend. I found the tone almost cranky, as if Vonnegut is disappointed by his generation's failure to bring about any concrete change in the world.

I have always enjoyed Vonnegut's writing style. His books are full of what appears at first to be unconnected strands of plot that he somehow weaves into a greater whole.

In *Timequake,* this final coherence is lacking; the plot is interspersed with Vonnegut's reminiscence of his family, and the two parts are never tied together. It seems like Vonnegut tried to squeeze his memoirs into the novel, and the effect diminishes both his personal stories and the main plot.

At the very least, Vonnegut is still entertaining to read; his rambling observations of modern society are painfully accurate, even if whiny. He is also hilarious. As a college-bound senior, I especially appreciated his description of a Harvard education as "the trophy of a micromanaged Darwinian victory over others."

Kilgore Trout, a character familiar to any Vonnegut fan, also plays a large role in *Timequake.* For a Trout fan, this book is worth reading just for the summaries of Trout's numerous short stories, which are always ludicrous, yet wonderful.

Timequake has an appeal for the devoted Vonnegut fan, a person who can appreciate his unique style despite the drawbacks of this particular novel.

However, for anyone interested in reading Vonnegut for the first time, read *Slaughterhouse Five* or *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater.* These earlier novels, unlike *Timequake,* show the gifts of a man who will be remembered as a true literary genius in his heyday.

two out of four

Bloodshot hits with a bang

Shaker's hip-hop duo is loaded with talent

BY AMY COHEN
A&E Editor

THE VINYL FRONTIER
ADVISORY

"Our music is unique. We always knew that we had a great concept and some great songs," Chris Ackerman said. Along with partner Chris Butler, the '91 Shaker graduates make up Bloodshot, the hip-hop band whose success dates back to their high school years.

The roots of Bloodshot can be traced back to elementary school, where the two artists first became friends.

"We've actually known each other since fourth grade. We were good friends in high school where we both played in the band," Ackerman said. "We really started our musical inclinations, in terms of forming a group, during our junior year in high school."

It was not until senior year that the band started recording tracks in a studio. The duo made demo tapes and sent them around the country to different record companies.

The response they got was immediate and extremely positive. With the help of an interested record label, the band was able to put their music on CD for the first time.

Bloodshot credits their opportunities at Shaker for their musical success.

"I've had so many influences which began in the Shaker Heights High School music program," Butler said. "We had access and exposure to many different kinds of music at Shaker which influenced us greatly."

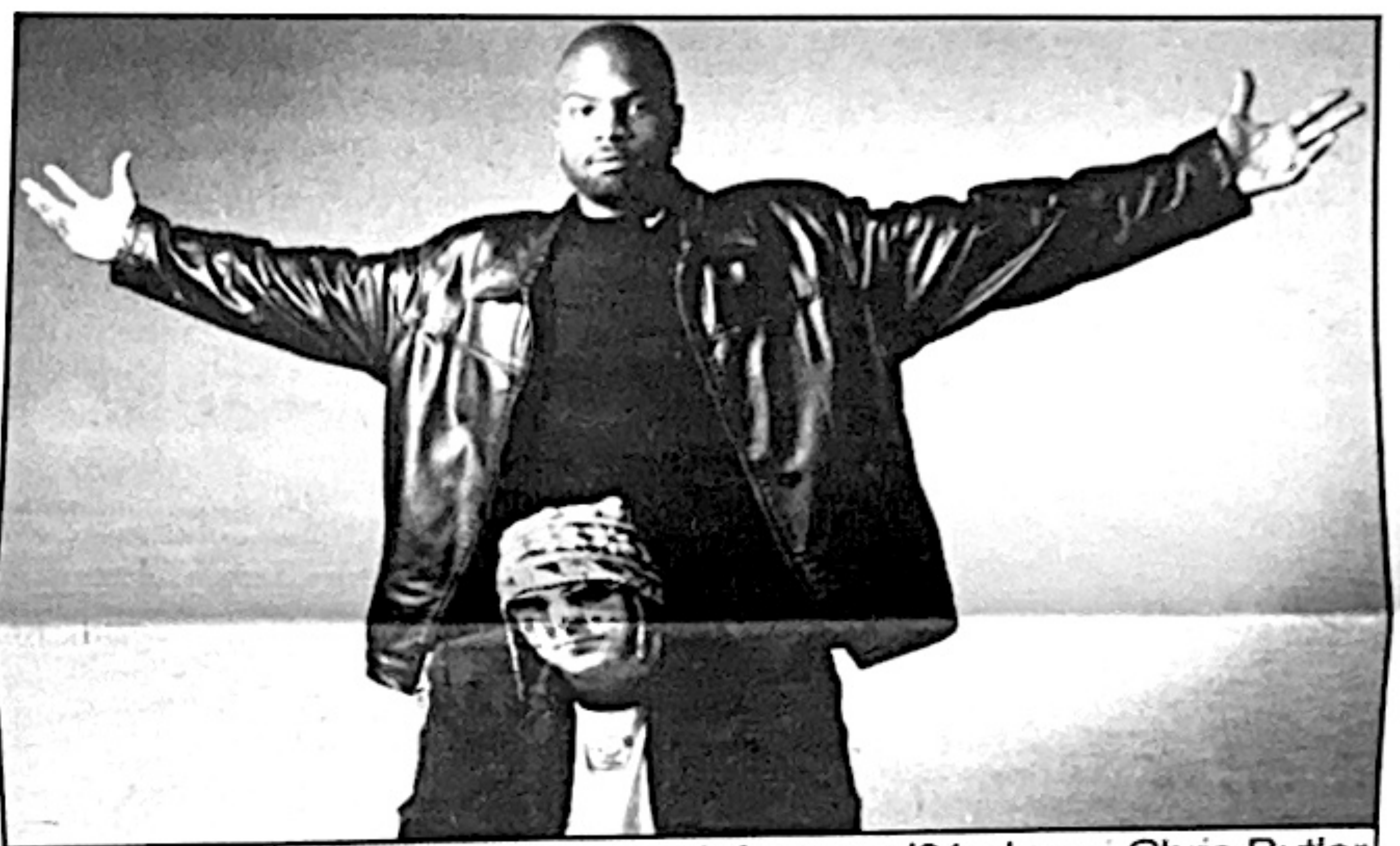
An unfortunate incident that influenced the band significantly was the tragic death of their close friend, Brian Hutton, who was killed in a car crash in January of '91.

"Brian's death taught me a lot about reality. It provided an emotional exercise that really has structured my personality and my ethics and morals," Butler said. "Our music has a lot of that emotional level of pain and loss in its undertones."

During that same year, Ackerman and Butler graduated, each going his own way. Ackerman headed down to University of Miami, Florida, while Butler went to the University of Michigan.

However, the separation had no effect on their relationship, musical connections or aspirations.

"We continued to stay in contact and to push our industry connection," Ackerman said. "Even though we were apart we talked frequently and kept our ambitions alive."


BLOODSHOT Shaker's hip-hop pair features '91 alumni Chris Butler (standing) and Chris Ackerman.
Shakerite photo courtesy of Rodell Hicks

After graduating college in '95, Ackerman and Butler decided to get serious about their careers in music.

The two decided it would be profitable to start by making their own company. This gave way to the birth of their own record label, Black Light Records.

Since then the band has been nothing but successful. At the end of '96, Bloodshot began performing at live shows in Cleveland. Bloodshot has opened for De La Soul and OMC as well as playing at Peabody's DownUnder and The Grog Shop.

Bloodshot released their first album, *The Vinyl Frontier,* in mid-October. The band has already sold close to 1,000 records and their first single, "Nightmares," can be heard on such radio stations as 93.1, 88.7 and 89.3.

Their music, according to Butler, has a distinct meaning behind every song as well as a clear purpose.

"The lyrics tend to vary. I talk about relationships, experiments, philosophies and emotions," Butler said. "The lyrics bring the instrumental ensemble to life."

However, Ackerman and Butler spend their time mostly on their music from which the name Bloodshot was derived.

"We spend a lot of time creating music and doing projects," Butler said. "Our finest hours are between 1 and 6 in the morning and we work long hours, so when we're up late into the early hours of the morning our eyes get bloodshot."

The other meaning of their name comes from a belief that Butler describes as a third eye.

"Our name is all about the third eye, meaning ideology, which is found in a lot of Eastern cultures," Butler said. "The third eye is like the soul seeing through the eyes of God."

The third eye has been a main influence in the type of music Bloodshot produces.

"You're not going to hear us singing happy songs. We're on another level," Butler said. "We're about the third eye, the soul, reflection and happiness."

For now, Bloodshot is focusing on the production of their music which includes a unique style of jazz, funk and reggae influences.

Bloodshot's goal for the future is to continue their great success and to produce more of their signature music.

According to Ackerman, Bloodshot is presently working to publicize the band around Cleveland.

"We're trying to start off in Cleveland with the support that we know is here," Ackerman said. "Our main goal is to get distribution of our product nationally, which will hopefully allow us to continue our success."

When the snow starts to fall...

THESE STUDENTS HAVE A BALL

❄ "When old man winter arrives, my friends and I like to blow each other up with snowballs."
-Aaron McMickle, senior

❄ "I look forward to winter all year round so I can go snowboarding in New York."
-Olympia Colizoli, freshman

❄ "When it gets cold I go over to my friend's house, and she makes me Tension Tamer Tea to keep me warm."
-Gloria Schmidt, sophomore

❄ "I like to make snow angels and snowmen in my front yard with my friends."
-Halle Safier, senior

❄ "When it snows I like to go skiing because I like the freshness of the cold air and the adrenaline rush."
-Carly Hertz, junior

❄ "I like to invite a bunch of people over and have a phatty snowball fight."
-China Bolden, sophomore

❄ "My favorite winter activity is throwing snowballs at my neighbor when he's not looking."
-Greg Burton, junior

❄ "My favorite thing to do when it snows is to go tobogganing with my grandparents."
-Robbie Markt, freshman

TOP TEN GIRLS' NAMES IN THE UNITED STATES

10. Katherine
9. Stephanie
8. Samantha
7. Caitlin
6. Megan
5. Sarah
4. Amanda
3. Jessica
2. Ashley
1. Brittany

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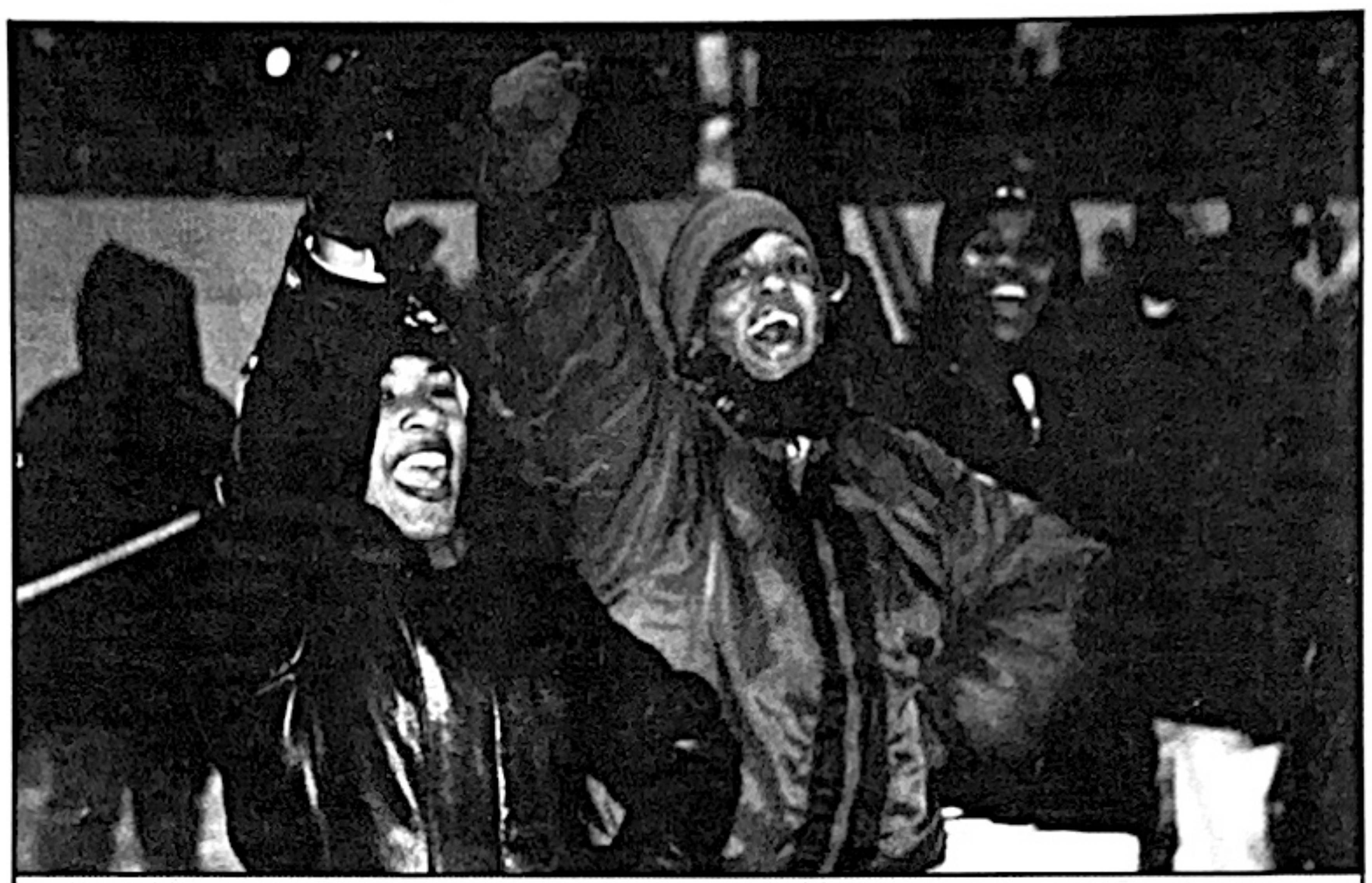
School roots for cheerleader integration

Second round of tryouts fails to diversify squad

BY ETHAN ZINN
Staff Reporter



HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF. The cheerleading squad roots for the football team at the St. Ignatius game. Earlier this year tryouts were held in an attempt to integrate the group, which has gone from being all white to all black in the last 30 years.
Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

Once again, a racially segregated cheerleading squad has raised concerns about integrating co-curricular activities at Shaker.

"We need to celebrate our diversity here at Shaker. It is essential to work on showing it to the community," Principal A. Jack Rumbaugh said. "A group as visible as the cheerleaders is an especially important place to do this."

Ideally, membership in student organizations would reflect the diversity of the Shaker student body, according to Rumbaugh.

"If you go to a football game and look around, it is clear that there is not a lack of diversity at Shaker," freshman Maureen Moodie said. "The football team, marching band and fans are all there; not just the cheerleaders."

However, cheerleading adviser Jennifer Currie said a lack of diversity does not impact the squad or reflect on racial attitudes at Shaker.

"You can't look at our squad as though there is a racial problem at the school. One group doesn't represent a lack of integration. It really only shows a trend. It would be great to have a balance of people but it certainly doesn't take anything away from our squad," Currie said.

Rumbaugh said communicating the school's desire for co-curricular integration is difficult.

"We've had difficulties expressing how strongly we feel about this. Everyone in the district must understand our feelings if we are are to accomplish our goal of integrating all activities. However, it is difficult to stress this in the case of cheerleading because the adviser is not a teacher here," Rumbaugh said.

A generation ago, activity integration was a high priority, but the circumstances were different.

During the fall of '70, the administration and student body decided it was time to do something about the segregation in many activities, such as the all-white cheerleading squad. A committee comprised of a diverse group of students was formed to decide what to do about the issue. Community member Peter Lawson Jones headed that committee.

"At the time cheerleading was a very prestigious activity to participate in. It didn't represent the student body very well, though," he said. "About 15 to 20 percent of the students were African American, but the squad was all white. It's always best if a club or activity reflects the diversity of the students."

The committee had the support of administrators and was in a position to make a change, but Lawson Jones said he feels they did not do what was best.

"After a lot of deliberation we reached a resolution; but in retrospect it probably made things worse and brought more attention to the problem," he said.

Their resolution was to form another, smaller squad of black cheerleaders. The group also wore different uniforms than the white squad. He said students felt the idea of two separate groups was worse than one segregated one.

"I received a very nasty anonymous letter after the formation of the other squad. I think we should have just added a few more spots to the existing squad," Lawson Jones said.

In later years a few more positions were added and the team gradually became more integrated. The problem of a segregated cheerleading team appeared to have been solved. Then in the '90s, the number of black participants increased each year until the squad was once again completely segregated.

Again today as it was in '70, the segregation of one of the school's most visible groups is seen as a problem. This year, measures have again been taken to integrate cheerleading. Open tryouts were held at the beginning of the year to accomplish this. Currie also said the tryouts were intended to expand the team and form a JV squad. The approach succeeded at creating a JV team, but the effort to bring more white girls into the group failed.

"I'm honestly not sure why white girls don't tryout. I guess it's just a matter of not wanting to be the only one on the team," Currie said. "Sure I would like to see a variety of people participating, but no one can force people to do what they're not interested in."

Poets-in-Residence inspire students at interactive Stage 3 workshops

BY MARISSA CLARK
Staff Reporter

The staff of Shaker's literary magazine, the *Semanteme,* hopes to inspire creativity and spark student interest in poetry through the Poets In Residence program.

"We feel that *Semanteme* can contribute to creativity in the school all year instead of just when the book is published," adviser William Newby said.

The Poets In Residence program kicked off with an all-school assembly on Nov. 10 featuring poet Mary Weems. Apart from the assembly, 60 percent of the student body attended workshops with the poets through English classes.

Newby invited Weems and Anthony "Da Boogie Man" Rucker because of their reputations.

"Over the last year and a half I've been looking for some minority poets who are strong that we can bring to Shaker," Newby said.

Many students know Da Boogie Man from his four-week winning streak at the competitive Amateur Night at *Showtime At The Apollo.*

"It was cool to see him on TV and then find out he was coming here," senior Vance Minter said.

Rucker is the nationally top-ranked performance poet. Performance poetry has grown in popularity in recent years. Poets such as Weems and Rucker join hundreds of other artists at regional, national and international competitions called poetry slams. At the slams, poets perform their best works for judges who assess their skills in both content and presentation. Winning poets advance to the national and international venues.

Weems has won numerous awards and has been featured in 22 publications.

"My work has an African-American focus," Weems said at the Nov. 10 assembly.

Weems is a performer and artistic director for "Off The Page," a video depicting poets at various stages of the poetry slam experience. She has directed and performed in four plays in addition to competing in poetry events.

Weems earned a masters degree in creative writing from Cleveland State University and taught a class there in '96.

Rucker has written poetry since a fifth-grade teacher made him read his haiku in class. Impressed with his work, she held him after school. He's written ever since.

However, his poetic talent did not make English his favorite subject. When pushed by counselors to take AP classes, he refused.

"I like writing, hate English," Rucker said.

Rucker is a member of The Black Poetic Society and is a senior in social work at Cleveland State University.

He has written three chapbooks [small paperback compilations of poetry] including, *Gabriel's Song* , dedicated to his two-year-old son. A compilation of his poetry from these and newer works will be published in January.

Rucker, whose poetry is rooted in his experience as a hip-hop performer, has collaborated with many artists, recently recording with Lionel Richie. He is currently working on his debut album.

BOOGIE MAN. Anthony "Da Boogie Man" Rucker helps a student with her poetry during one of the poetry workshops. *Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller*

"Poetry is a heart's song that we have to sing to live," Rucker said.

Semanteme editor Celeste Ng hopes bringing the poets to Shaker will enhance the poems submitted for publication in the annual literary magazine.

"We thought they would appeal to a wider range of people," Ng said. "We hope this encourages people to get writing and get involved."

Students said that they enjoyed seeing the poets perform and learned from the workshops.

"He [Rucker] had good poetry. I liked his 'Baddest Poet In The World' because he was talking about how cool he is," freshman Jason Weinberger said.

Two weeks of workshops held in the Stage 3 area culminated in a coffee house poetry reading sponsored by the *Semanteme.* Students shared their poetry with other students and Rucker.

"I liked it 'cause I could relate to what everyone was saying," sophomore Kim Harris said.

The coffee house events will continue throughout the school year.

"We're trying to have coffee shop readings the first Friday of every month," Ng said.

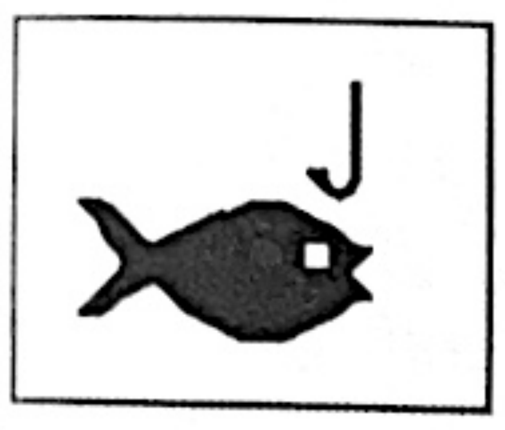
Ng said she thinks the Poets in Residence program was a positive experience for students who pursued it.

"The overall reaction seemed good. People were eager to meet the poets and talk to them," she said.

Exploring the great outdoors

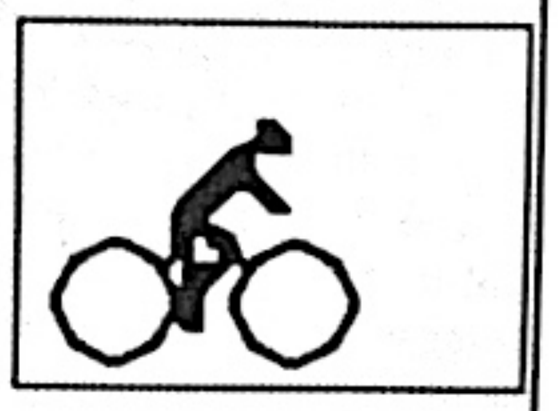
Students suggest fun and exciting ways to enjoy nature

There's no season where students don't find themselves looking for things to do to get out of the house. Activities are sometimes organized through clubs or organizations, or can simply be put together by a group of friends. You can get exercise, have fun and relax outside. Snowball fights in the winter and swimming or sun bathing in the summer are fun things to do close by, but some students spend time exploring the outdoors a little further. Many students involve themselves in things like bike riding, rock climbing, skiing and camping. The ideal places to do these activites are not always nearby, but there are places ranging from a few minutes to a few hours away to spend a quality weekend or simply a day trip with some friends.



Senior Dina Levi spent a weekend camping with some friends over the summer and said they had a really good time.

"It was a chance to spend time with my friends before they went off to college and also to spend time in the outdoors. It wasn't the best campground, but that didn't matter, it was still lots of fun," Levi said.



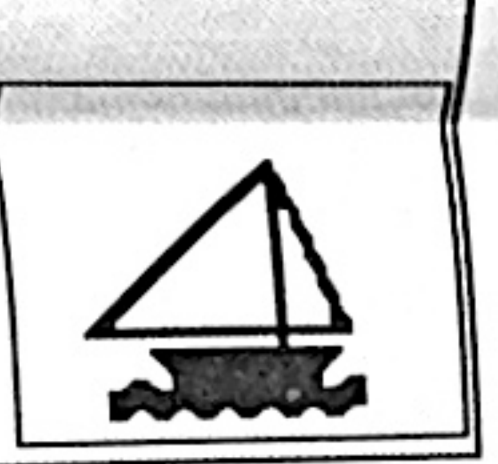
Senior Adam Hill enjoys spending time bike riding, an activity that can be done close-by. Hill recommends places such as Alpine Hills, the Lake County Metroparks and Tow Path in Brecksville.

"It is an exciting sport and it's something to do outside," Hill said.

Regardless of which activities you like, the Cleveland and Midwestern area have an abundance of outdoor places to enjoy.

To the right is a list of a few places worth checking out.

-Caitlin Masini



HIKING

✦Moraine Hills State Park

Location: McHenry, Illinois

Trails: 10.2 miles for hiking and biking

Distance from Cleveland: seven hours

Phone #: (815) 385-1624

✦Caesar Creek State Park

Location: Waynesville, Ohio

Trails: 50 mile backpacking trail, 15 trails

Distance from Cleveland: 3.5 hours

Phone #: (513) 897-3055

✦Punderson State Park

Location: Newbury, Ohio

Trails: 14 miles for hiking

Distance from Cleveland: 45 minutes

Phone #: (216) 564-2279

SKIING

✦Boston Mills/Brandywine

Location: Akron, Ohio

Downhill slopes: all levels

Distance from Cleveland: 45 minutes

Phone #: (330) 655-6703

✦Potato Creek State Park

Location: North Liberty, Indiana

X-Country options: 8 miles of trails

Distance from Cleveland: five hours

Phone #: (219) 656-8186

CAMPING

✦Warren Dunes State Park

Location: Sawyer, Michigan

Campgrounds: 197 sites

Activities: 2 miles of beaches, 204 feet high sand dunes

Distance from Cleveland: five hours

Phone #: (616) 426-4013

✦Muskegon State Park

Location: Newaygo, Michigan

Campgrounds: 357 sites

Activities: hiking through dunes and forest, fishing and swimming

Distance from Cleveland: 4 hours

Phone #: (616) 856-4452

Information compiled by Caitlin Masini

HOLD ON TIGHT. Senior Max Gerson enjoys rappelling on his NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) trip to Alaska last summer.

Shakerite photo courtesy of Max Gerson

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Congratulations to senior Nate Clements, whose excellent play made him the first Shaker football player ever named to the All-American Team

Teams prepare to heat up winter

BY DANNY GEORGE AND ADAM LAZARUS
Staff Reporters

Along with the Cleveland snow, wins will pile up this winter for Shaker's talent-laden sports teams.

With the men's basketball, hockey and swim teams legitimately aiming for state titles, the other winter sports - diving, wrestling and women's basketball - are waiting for a chance to show their talent.

The basketball team, coached by social studies teacher Bob Wonson, returns nine of 10 scorers from the '97-'98 campaign. The runnin' Raiders will feature a run-and-gun offense, a hounding defense and dead-eye outside shooting.

"We're pretty optimistic this year," Wonson said, in his 13th year as coach. "We're one of the premier basketball teams in Northeast Ohio, and our main goal is to win the Erie Division, as it is every year."

In addition to a tough regular schedule, the squad will travel to St. Petersburg, Florida, and play against the nation's best teams in a Christmas tournament.

Power forward Onaje Grimes summed up his team's goals. "We expect to be wearing state championship rings this year," he said.

Members of Shaker's perennial sports juggernaut, the swim team, had similar comments.

The men's and women's teams will be ranked among the top five area squads by the *Plain Dealer*. Head coach Ernest Welsch is especially excited about the outlook for his men's team, which returns six all-state qualifiers.

"This is the most talented group of swimmers I've ever coached," Welsch said. "We need good commitment, leadership and we must train hard. We can go as far as we want."

Welsch is equally excited about his women's team, but admitted there are still some questions.

"We have a good quality of upperclass, but our backbone is our freshmen. Whether they produce or not will determine our season's success," Welsch said.

Welsch cited juniors Lauren Dietrich, Melanie Pulley and senior Maura Malone as his stars.

Generating possibly the largest fan base of any winter sport is the hockey team. Excited fans flock to Thornton to view the fast-paced excitement created by the games. According head coach Mike Bartley, the team, featuring 18 players with ice experience, has potential to be the best in Shaker history.

"We've got great experience and a mixture of talent from different classes," said Bartley, whose freshman son is a contributing team member.

"We have high expectations. We feel we are serious contenders in the state tournament," Bartley said.

The hockey team finished 19-8-2 last year before losing to St. Edward at the end of the season. The loss was a bitter one for Shaker and provided extra incentive for winning it all this year.

"We want to repeat as Red Division champs and want to take it further and win the state championship," sophomore backup goalie Dave Kresnye said.

A team facing different expectations but maintaining sizable goals is the women's basketball squad, which went 8-16 last year. New head coach Susan Brown is trying to create good team chemistry.

"We essentially have to get better throughout the year," said Brown, who was recently named LEL volleyball coach of the year. "Every game is key, and we have to get good at the fundamentals of basketball."

The team has six returning players: Shana Heilbron, Melissa Tribble, Kim Breese, Christyn Paige, Vernee Weatherspoon and Erin Pope.

In a similar situation, the diving team graduated much of its experience and will rely on young athletes.

"We don't have our stars from last year," sophomore Hillary Schwallie said. "We're young but have potential."

Inheriting a team that finished 6-0 last year, new diving coach Stacy Miller hopes to retain past success in the win column.

Rounding out the winter sports teams is the wrestling squad, which finished 8-5 last year.

The Raider grapplers will be led by experienced senior captains Aaron McMickle, Jason Ward and James Blanton. All three will contend for state titles.

"It's a must to work hard this year," Ward said. "Everyone must realize that working hard could lead to a good team with many state champions."

According to the captains, the Raiders are especially looking forward to the annual showdown with

A historic season

A 33-26 win over Euclid sent the football team to the regional final game for the first time ever

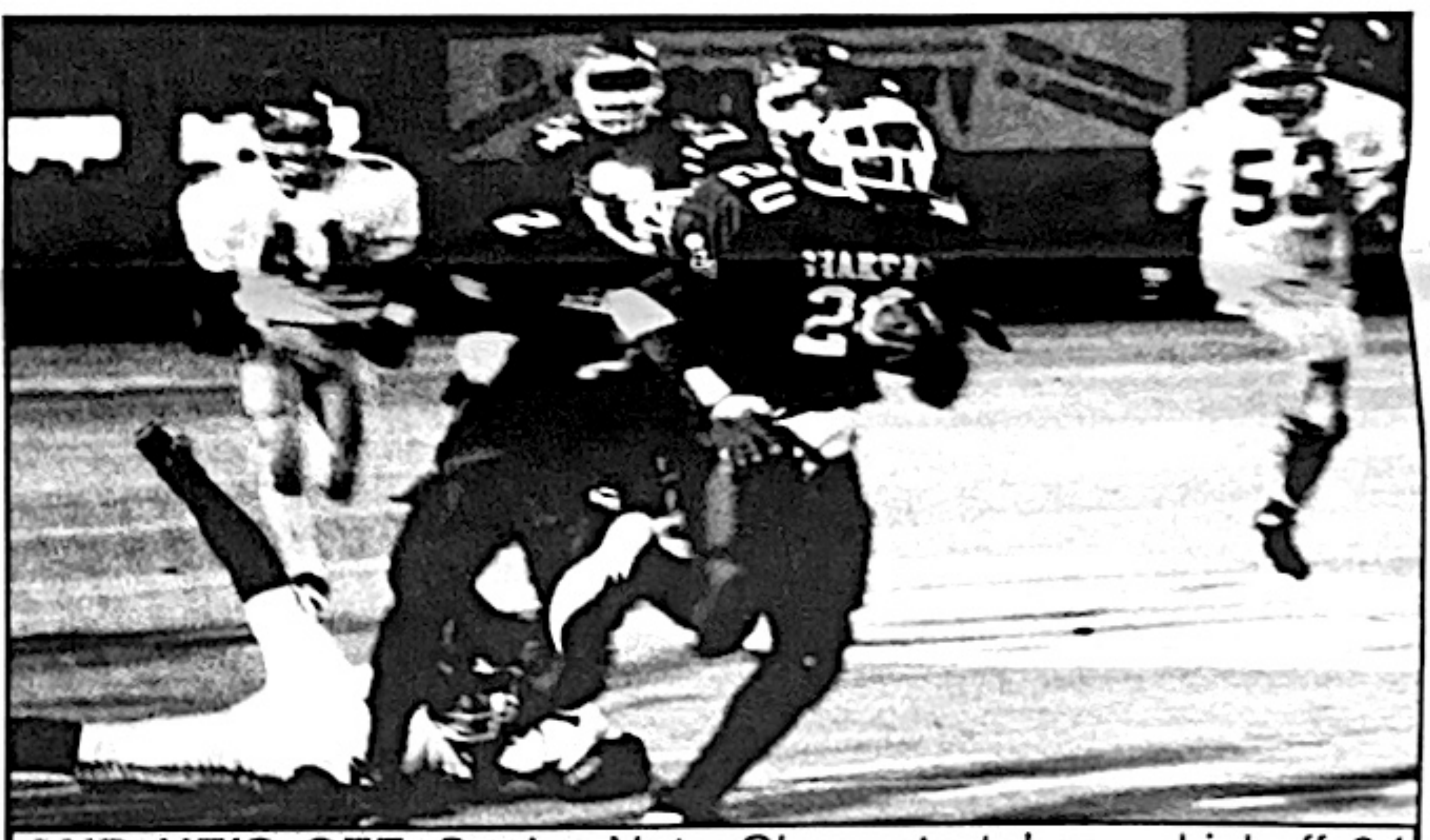
BY GEOFF DIETRICH
Co-Sports Editor

After winning nine straight games to finish the season with an overall record of 9-1, the football team traveled to the playoffs for only the third time in school history.

Seeded second in points, the Raiders faced the third-seed Euclid Panthers Nov. 8 at Lakewood Stadium. The game would be full of scoring, dominated by the running game and two star backs - Shaker junior Derrick Tatum and Euclid senior Tony Fisher.

Fortunately for Shaker, the opening kickoff wasn't a preview of things to come. Senior all-purpose back Nate Clements took the opening kickoff from his 9-yard line, only to fumble at the 28. Luckily for the Raiders, senior Chris Conwell jumped on the loose football at Shaker's 44.

After a quick set of three plays, Shaker was in a punting situation. As it turned out, junior John Manly's punt would be the only one until the fourth quarter. Shaker's special teams had no problem, an arm tackle by Conwell took Euclid's Fisher to the ground at the 18.



AND HE'S OFF. Senior Nate Clements takes a kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown during Shaker's win over Euclid.
Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller

Euclid got the scoring started early. In four plays they traveled 82-yards, capped by a 14-yard scamper by Fisher. The extra point attempt failed, and Euclid led 6-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Clements broke free and with only one man to beat, he was tackled on Euclid's 38. Shaker put together a four-play scoring drive of their own. Tatum ran 16-yards for the touchdown. Manly's try was perfect, and Shaker took the lead 7-6.

The lead didn't last long. Before the team could even finish celebrating, Fisher punched through the defensive line for a 47-yard touchdown. Euclid went for two points, and on the first pass of the game Euclid's quarterback threw incomplete. The Panthers' lead was five.

The scoring wasn't over yet. Spurred by a 38-yard gain by junior Matt Pope on a run down the left sideline to the five, Shaker was once again in scoring position. After three efforts, the offense faced a fourth down on Euclid's 1-yard line.

Head coach Dave Sedmak called a timeout to consider his options, and sent Clements out to go for it. Clements took the snap and extended over the line for the score. Euclid's star, Fisher, was able to get a hand on Manly's kick, and the score at the end of the first quarter was 13-12, Shaker.

On Euclid's next drive they once again marched down the field, only to face a fourth down similar to that of Shaker. At the one, Fisher took the handoff and pushed his way into the end zone. A complete two point conversion gave Euclid a 20-13 lead.

The Fisher score gave him three for the evening, accounting for all of Euclid's points. While Fisher was trying to run away with the game, Tatum was keeping Shaker close. He took a handoff on the Raider's next drive, and with some fancy footwork and a quick cut, he rambled 62 yards for a touchdown.

The following extra point may have been one of the most eventful attempts ever. With the kicking team on the field, feisty Fisher jumped off-sides, moving the ball half the distance to the goal line.

A second penalty pushed the ball even closer, this time close enough for coach Sedmak to send out Clements and the offense for a two-point try. A third straight penalty on Euclid placed the ball less than a foot from the goal line. With two points almost guaranteed, Shaker's offensive line moved, and a fourth penalty brought Manly back on the field to attempt the extra point.

Another Shaker penalty pushed the ball back even further, and after the five-penalty fiasco, Manly missed the kick. What was almost an assured 21-20 Shaker lead disappeared, and instead Euclid was on top by a point, 20-19.

After six consecutive touchdown drives, both offenses sputtered to the half. Five straight scoreless drives, which included an interception for both teams, a blocked field goal, and a missed fake field goal concluded the half with Euclid going to the locker room up 20-19.

The second half started with the scoring pace that at one point dominated the first half. Euclid took the kick and traveled down the field, scoring on an 16-yard touchdown burst by Terrance Moore. The extra point was unsuccessful, and Euclid held a seven-point lead.

The lead lasted less than 10 seconds. Clements took the ensuing kickoff from his six, and led by blockers, took off for 94 yards. With Manly's point, the momentum shifted dramatically back to Shaker's behalf.

Once again the scoring pace slowed, and Euclid's next drive was stopped by a leaping interception by junior Donnell Boyer. Shaker's last drive of the third quarter ended on a failed fourth down attempt. The teams would enter the fourth and final quarter knotted up at 26.

In a game dominated by offense, the fourth quarter would produce zero offensive points. At 2:17 into the quarter, Euclid punted for the first time. Shaker's following drive resulted in a punt, and for the first time both teams seemed unable to put points on the board.

With the offenses not producing, it was fitting that the game-winning touchdown for Shaker was provided by the defense - an interception by junior Darius Peterson.

Peterson's big play catapulted Shaker over Euclid 33-26, sending them to the regional finals for the first time ever. Shaker's opponent would be St. Ignatius, the second-ranked team in the state, eighth in the nation.

The win was the football program's biggest ever, and with the upcoming game against almost unbeatable St. Ignatius, the team's spirit was surprisingly high.

"We knew from the start that this was where we would be - facing Ignatius in a repeat of the regional semifinal game three years ago. Don't count us out either. We're planing to put on a show," Conwell said.

Conwell was right. Shaker entered the game on Nov. 15 at Baldwin Wallace ready to play. Though the outcome of the game didn't go in Shaker's favor, the Raiders showed a lot of heart and proved that Shaker was a school to be reckoned with.

The St. Ignatius passing game, ranked as one of the best in the country, had little success against the stingy Shaker defense. All Ignatius could manage was three field goals.

Unfortunately for the Raider offense, the Ignatius defense was just as dominant. With help from the icy, snow covered field, the Ignatius defense shut down both Clements and Tatum. Shaker managed only one field goal attempt all game, which sailed wide left in the first half.

Brown takes over as women's basketball coach

BY BRANDON DORSKY
Staff Reporter

With coach Susan Brown, the women's basketball team is looking to start a new tradition.

"With Shaker's reputation, it is a great opportunity for me to work here as a teacher and as a coach. I am looking forward to my future years here," Brown said.

Brown entered Shaker with a lot of experience in the basketball department. She has coached a total of 16 years. She spent seven years divided among the Eastern Michigan University, Notre Dame College and John Carroll University basketball programs. After coaching at the collegiate level, Brown worked with the Laurel School basketball program. Brown, a public school graduate, wanted to pursue public education, this attracted her to Shaker.

Now that she's here, Brown's dedication to the team is clear, and her confidence is also apparent.

"We only have 10 players on the varsity squad, but three of them are seniors," Brown said. "There are a lot of guards on the team, so we are going to try to use quickness and pressure. The team has a really good work ethic. I think the season is going to be a great experience."

According to players on the team, including seniors Shana Heilbron and Melissa Tribble, the Raiders are really excited about their new coach.

"I think Coach Brown is really going to improve the girls' basketball program. She brings so much knowledge and ideas to our team," Tribble said.

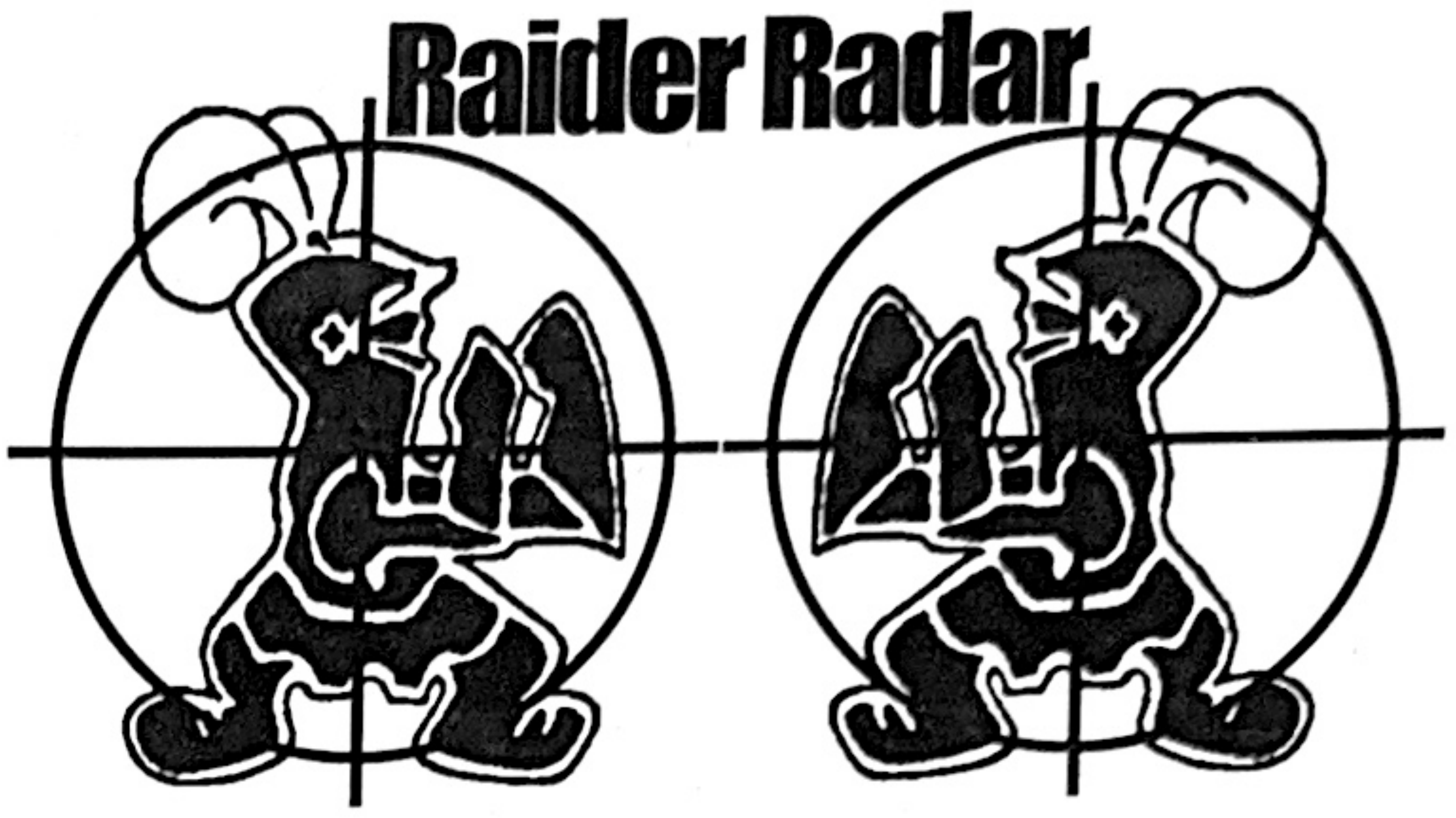
"I think we are going to have a decent season. It is going to be a building period for us," Heilbron said. "We played together in a summer league, and that should give us some extra experience."

Brown said she is not looking to win the state championship this year. She is more interested in the charisma of the team and their focus.

"I am not thinking about our finish. I am going to take a one game at a time philosophy," Brown said. "I'm just trying to get the team in shape. We are working on fundamentals."

While team expectations are not extremely high, all players want to get as far as they can.

"We're all pretty good leaders," Tribble said. "The schedule looks difficult, but I think we will have a decent season."



Just when you thought nobody was looking ...

MAD MEN - Football coaches Eric Horstman and Jay Curtright appeared oblivious to the freezing temperatures at Finnie Stadium Nov. 15 at the Ignatius game. Both coaches sported shorts - yes shorts - for the duration of the game. According to former football sensation, senior Chris "Rudy" Taylor, both coaches always wear shorts as a superstition. When asked after the game about the superstition, Horstman said, "Brrrr, it's cold!"

QUITE A HUNT - Members of the swim team participated in a city-wide scavenger hunt last Wednesday. Members were awarded points for obtaining items from a list prepared by the seniors. Fortunately, none of the five teams came up with the item worth the most points - head coach Ernest Welsch's gallbladder.

RIPE BUCKEYE - Senior Nate Clements orally committed to Ohio State University on a full football scholarship last month. Call it bias, but we believe Nate will eclipse Archie Griffin's record by winning three Heisman Trophy awards.

LOOKOUT - In an effort to prepare for a season in which they hope to contend for a state team title, the men's tennis team has begun conditioning sessions three times a week at 6:30 a.m. According to senior Adam Grossman, the practices are making the team closer as a unit as well as tougher both physically and mentally. In addition, Grossman said the practices make him "question living" when he wakes up so early.

RETURN TO THE ICE - Junior forward Joe Simon is almost fully recovered from an ankle injury that has ailed him since the summer. Simon has been practicing with the team and should be ready to play when the season begins. According to junior forward Matt Wilson, Simon has bulked up and is checking with authority. "He wrecked me at a recent practice. I felt like I was running into a mail truck or something," Wilson said.

ALL SORTS OF GAME - In addition to being one of the top goalkeepers in the state, junior Scottie "the wall" Graham has become a hit with Shaker's female population. Several teammates have expressed concern for this goalie/ladies' man, wondering whether he will be able to keep his mind in games.

SUPERSTARS IN THE FAMILY - Senior soccer player and exchange student Claudio Salamenca is a distant cousin of Spanish national team goalkeeper Julio Gomez.

FIXED FANG - After recent dental work, senior swimmer Pete Psarras was kicked out of his wolfpack.

Raiders of the Month

BY GEOFF DIETRICH
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By participating in field hockey and swimming, two sports whose seasons overlap, senior Maura Malone shows what hard work and dedication really mean.

While starting at left halfback for the field hockey team, Malone's leadership gained her not only the teams' respect, but also a spot on the Northeastern Ohio All-Star Team as well.

Other members of the team agree and feel that Malone has many strengths that make her the talent she is.

"You only needed to watch a game to see just how important Maura was on the field. What most people didn't realize was how hard she worked at practice as well as her dedication to the team as a whole," senior teammate Jackie Munyasya said.

While preparing for games with daily practices, Malone managed to find time in her busy schedule to make it to Woodbury for some preseason swimming. Normally she'd go to swim during her free 10th period and make it back to school for field hockey in just enough time.

Now with the field hockey season complete and swimming fully underway, Malone has regained a somewhat normal schedule, but has in no way reduced her amount of work or dedication.

"Maura swims her hardest all the time; she's the last person I'd ever hear complaining about the difficulty of practices. That's the sort of attitude the girls' team needs this year," fellow swimmer junior Candace Hamilton said.

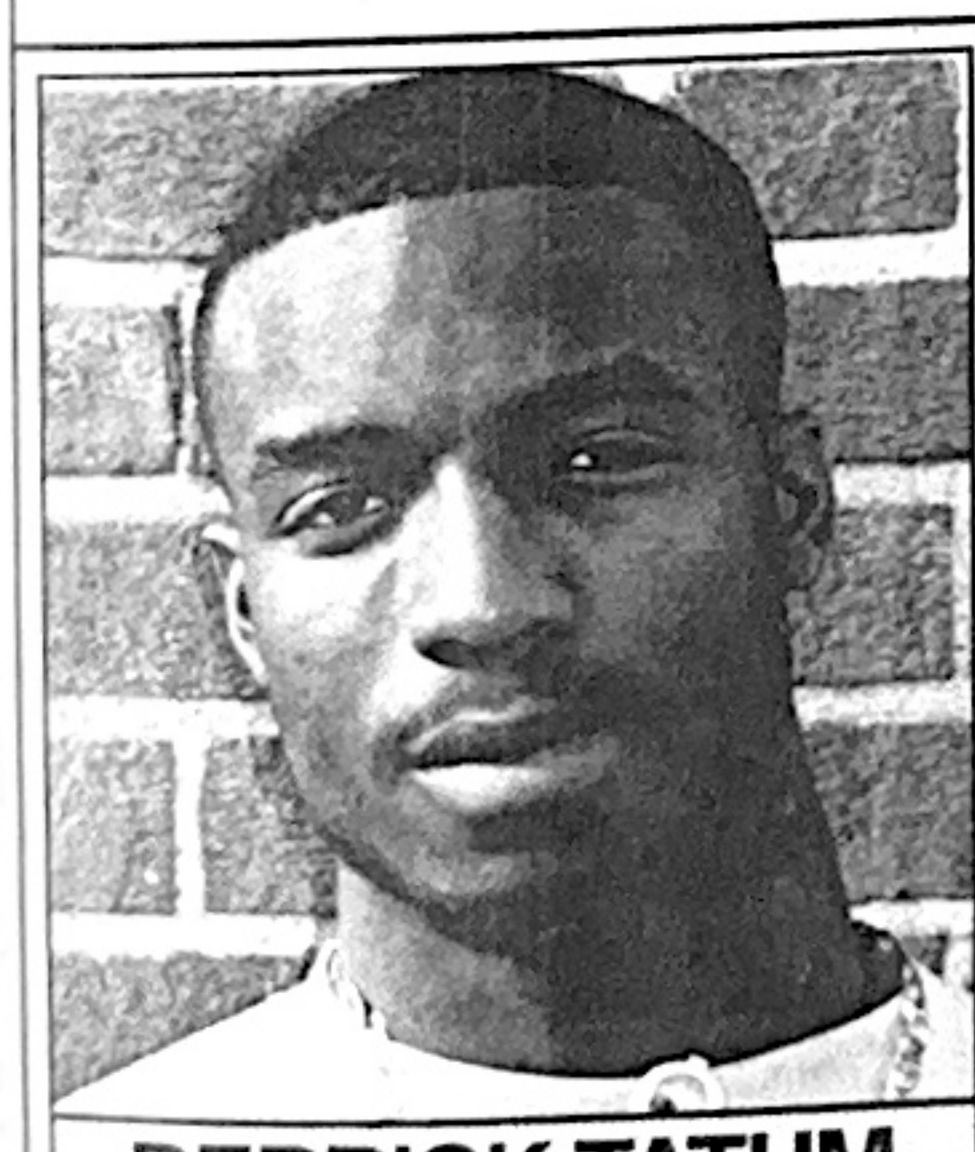
Malone swims the 100m fly and the 50m leg of fly in the 200m medley relay. Last year her hard work paid off in a trip to states. More of the same is expected this year.

In the spring Malone plans to play varsity lacrosse, and the team will depend on her for the same dedication she has shown throughout the year.

Next fall, Malone leaves for college and plans to swim during her freshman year. She's undecided on whether she'll play field hockey or lacrosse, but said it will depend on the school she chooses.

Malone is applying to Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Hamilton, Denison, Wooster, Fordham and Ohio State.

MAURA MALONE
Shakerite photo by Grace Fuller



DERRICK TATUM
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Co-Sports Editor

Just as quickly as he shreds opposing defenses, junior tailback Derrick Tatum credits his teammates for his individual success.

"I would not have had nearly the sucess that I did without such a hard-working offensive line. This unit lost four starters from last season, but because they worked so hard in practices and games all I had to do was take the ball and run," Tatum said.

All season Tatum did just that. He took the ball and ran for more than 1,500 yards and 21 touchdowns. While compiling such imposing offensive numbers, Tatum also played outside linebacker, and was among the team leaders in tackles. Tatum said playing both ways doesn't make his stats more impressive.

"I felt playing both ways was an advantage for me because I stayed loose. By being on the field so often I did not risk stiffening up on the sidelines," Tatum said.

Tatum was only one of many starters who played both ways. He said he thinks that made the squad more respectable.

"I think we have complete football players. Our guys are true stars because they excel on offense as well as defense," he said.

Teammates and coaches noticed Tatum's positive attitude.

"Tatum is a great teammate on and off the field. He does whatever it takes to win," senior Jared Zak said.

Head coach Dave Sedmak also praised Tatum's attitude.

"What strikes me most about Derrick is how tough he is. Right up through the end of the season he was one of the hardest workers in practices," Sedmak said.

Football is not the only sport Tatum plays. He recently dropped basketball after playing last year. This spring Tatum will run track, most likely competing in the 100m-dash, 200m-dash and long jump.

Despite his involvement in other athletic activities, football will be Tatum's only sport at college. While juniors cannot be officially recruited, several Big Ten and Big East schools have expressed interest in Tatum by writing letters to him.

RED RAIDER WRAP-UP

Ice Hockey

- 18-8-2 (.690) last season
- First home game:
Friday versus Rocky River
- Home rink: Thornton Park

Men's Basketball

- 19-3 (.864) last season
- First home game:
Dec. 12 versus Normandy
- Home court: South gym

Women's Basketball

- 6-16 (.272) last season
- Next home game:
Tomorrow versus Warrensville
- Home court: South gym

Combined
Raider
Record:
82-49-6
(.599)

Records accurate as of 11/24/97

Last Year's
Winter
Records:
67-32-2
(.663)

Men's Swimming

- 8-0 (1.000) last season
- First home meet:
Next Tuesday versus Brush
- Won 54 consecutive dual meets

Women's Swimming

- 8-0 (1.000) last season
- First home meet:
Next Tuesday versus Brush
- Men and women swim at Woodbury

Wrestling

- 8-5 (.615) last season
- First home meet:
Jan. 3 versus Elyria
- Home meets at Woodbury

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